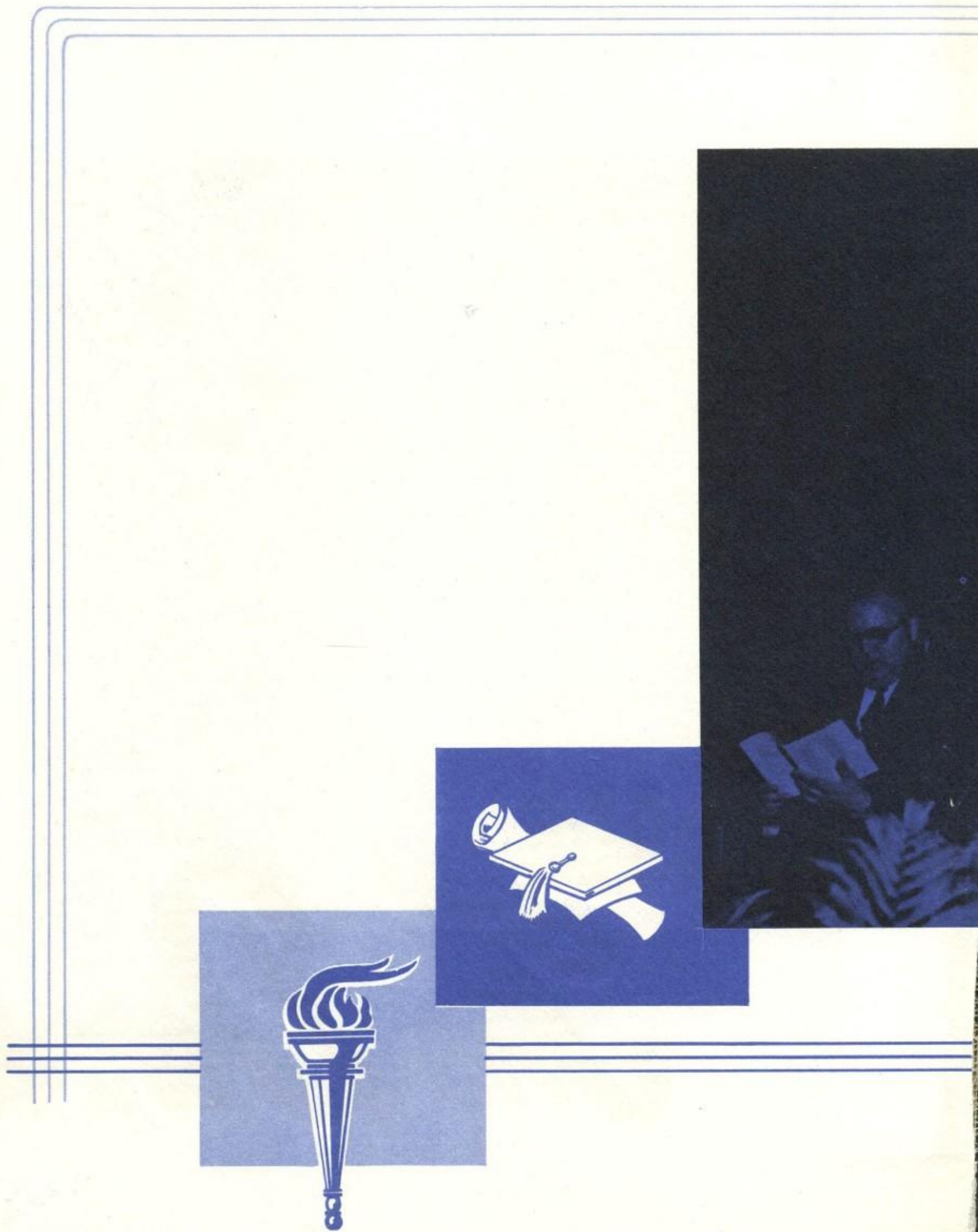
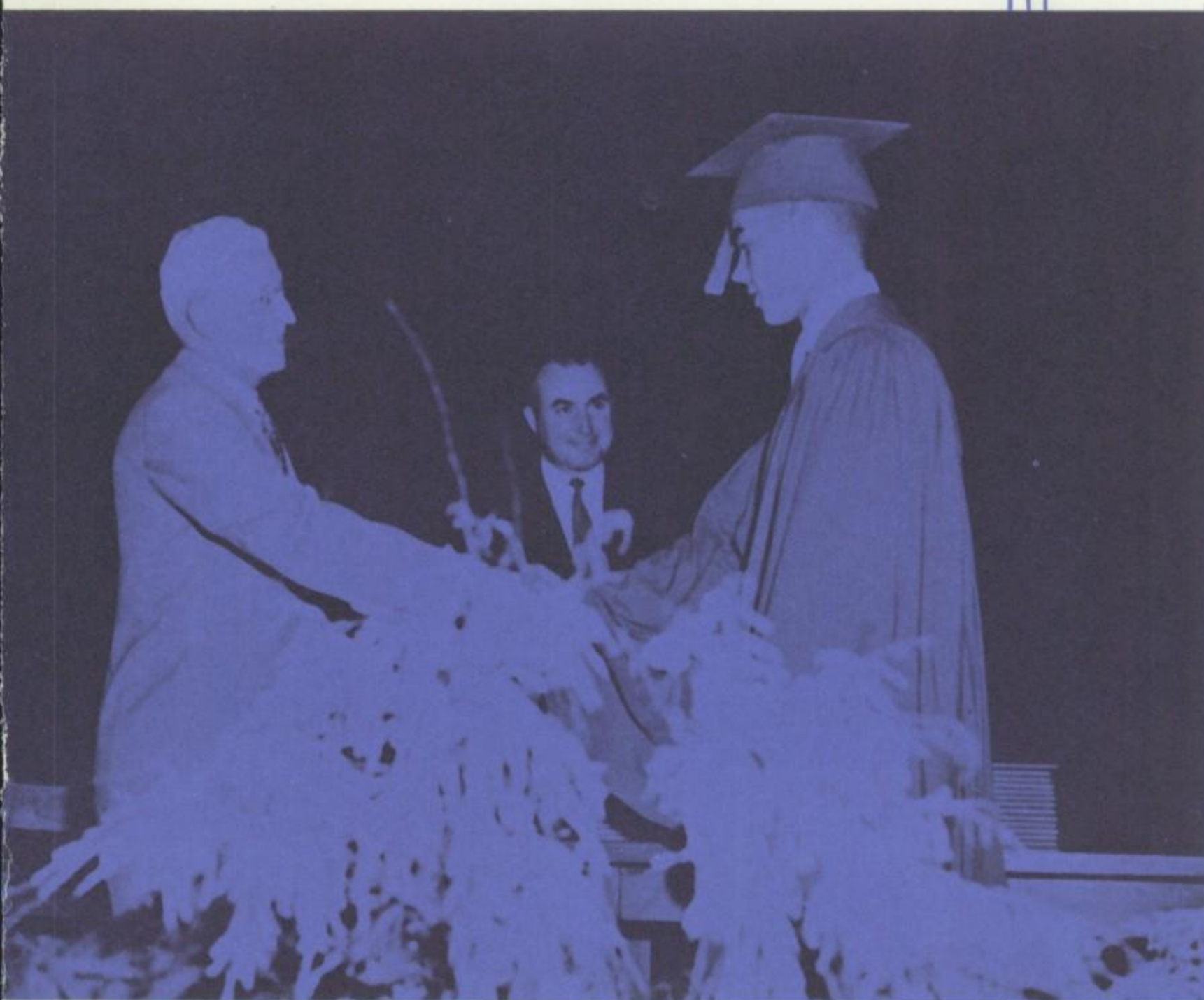
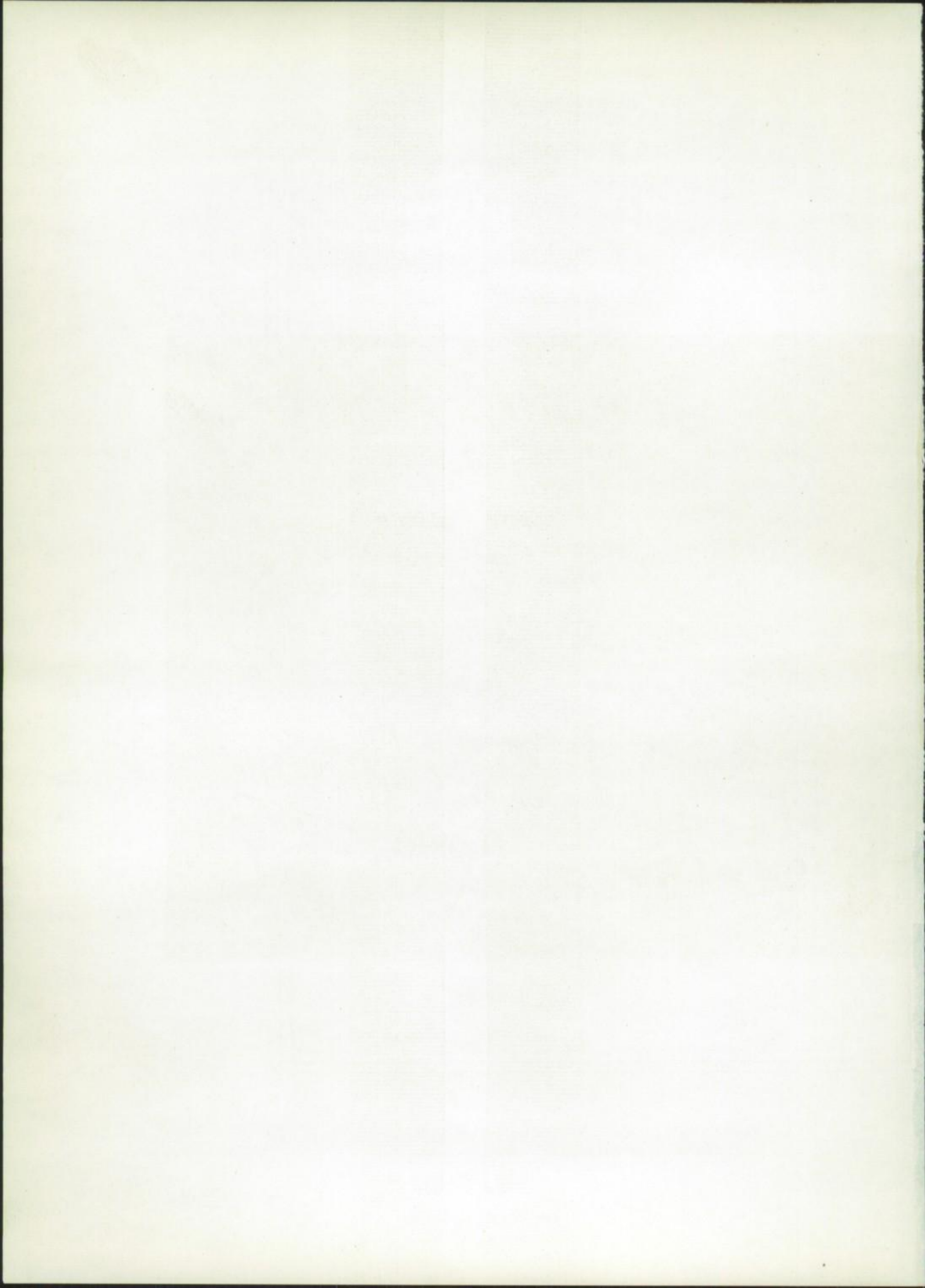


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The Derrick







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*Mt. Pleasant High School,
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan*

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These initials were for thirty years the familiar trademark of our beloved late principal, Mr. Louis Charles Wendt. This trademark was feared by some, anticipated by others, and respected by all.

Mr. Wendt was a very rabid fan of all Oiler teams, giving preference to baseball, the favorite of his own school days. When not boosting the Oilers or working at school, he could most likely be found exercising his green thumb in his back yard. He loved to watch things grow, whether plants or humans.

Jud, as he was known to the students, was very active in the city. He was a member of Kiwanis and was honored last year for perfect attendance over an eighteen year stretch. It is with great appreciation of things received of Mr. Wendt, that we dedicate the 1955 Derrick to him.





The magic of the camera records people, places, and events familiar to us all . . . study hall, Rhythm Ramblers, Bunny Hop, mixers, and clean-up.





Through the years we go to games, get dressed up, and satisfy our appetites, but this year there were some new twists. The Board of Education footed the bill for our bus trips to away basketball games; the Bermuda shorts craze among boys and girls raised eyebrows and cuffs; homemade punch, cake, and cookies were served at parties.



Foreword

The '55 Derrick . . . based upon the many memories of the school year . . . put together for the purpose of bringing back those memories in later years.

Your first day in school . . . just a scared kid out of seventh grade. The time you got called into the principal's office for throwing snowballs. The six notes you got from that cute blonde that lockers across the hall. The hilarious shouts of victory . . . the bitter gloom of defeat at the athletic arenas. The time you almost blew the north wall off the chemistry lab. The test that felt like an F when you were writing it. The small brown peanut you had to push the length of the lower hall with your nose to get into that club with all the wheels . . . and how surprised you were when you found out it was worth it. Your first Y-Teen Prom. Your last Senior Prom. Graduation.

When the events of your high school days grow dim and appear to drop out of focus, the MPHS yearbook staff hopes you can refresh your memory by leafing through the pages of the 1955 Derrick and there find the friends who shared . . . and helped make the start of a memory.



To the Seniors



BONNIE PHILLIPS
President



PAT ARCHEY
Vice President



NANCY MUMFORD
Secretary



BETTE GILL
Treasurer



High School Is A Memory

Proms, Sales, Projects . . . Things of Which

Where do you find the prettiest girls on the arms of the best-dressed young men? Why, the annual Senior Prom, of course. Mt. Pleasant is no exception when our young couples arrive at Keeler Union ballroom for the last big formal.



Memories Are Made

There is nothing quite like being a high school senior. In years to come you will look back on all your hard work and think of all the fun you had doing it.

This year the seniors earned money for their trip by sponsoring a chili dinner and selling Christmas trees at the Pixie lot. They huddled about heaters between sales, netted \$650.



On the annual Government Day, kids swarmed through "Mayor" Jerry Child's office in their roles as commissioners, firemen, police, and reporters.





JUDY LOUISE ANDREWS
*"Her head is like the moon -
 there's a man in it."*
 Dramatics Club 1,2; Modern
 Dance 1; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Stude
 4.



PATRICIA J. ARCHY
*"One of the reasons why Gen-
 tlemen Prefer Blondes."*
 Student Council 3,4, Social
 Committee Chairman, Vice
 President 3; Choir 2,3,4; Mod-
 ern Dance 1,2; G.A.A. 2; Y-
 Teens 2,3,4, Treasurer 3;
 Intramural 1,2,3,4; Baseball
 Queen 3; Homecoming Queen 4.



SHIRLEY ANN ARMSTRONG
*"She looks safe, but so does
 gunpowder."*
 Library 1; Y-Teens 1.



SHIRLEY MARIE ASHWORTH
*"A live wire never gets stepped
 on."*
 Student Council 1; Dramatics
 Club 4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Girls'
 Basketball 3,4; Derrick Co-
 Editor 4; Stude Asst. Editor 4.

We'll Remember That First Day



HARLEY LEE AYRIS
*"If you don't know him, get
 acquainted."*
 Student Council 2; F.F.A. 2,3,
 4; Varsity Club 3,4; Football
 1,2,3,4; Intramural 1,2,3,4;
 Baseball 4.



MONNA JOYCE BASS
*"There is more in me than you
 know."*
 (Transfer from Redford High
 School, Detroit, Michigan.)
 Choir 4; Dramatics Club 2;
 Future Nurses 2.



RICHARD E. BEAN
"Look out, world! Here I come."
 Camera Club 1.



SHARRON BOURLAND
*"Late hours aren't good for
 one, but they're all right for
 two."*
 G.A.A. 1; Y-Teens 2,3,4, Sec-
 retary 4.



PHILLIP
L. BRASINGTON
"Only weeds grow tall."
Band 3,4.



ROBERT ELI BUGBEE
"Never do today what you can
put off until tomorrow."
Football 3; Golf 1,2,3,4; Var-
sity Club 2,3,4.



ED BULLARD
"He who says little has little
to answer for."
F.F.A. 2,3,4; Football 1.



JAMES L. BURCH
"I only hope I don't have to
walk to success."
F.F.A. 2,3,4.

Looking Toward A Bright Future



WILLIAM BURNS
"A quiet man, but quite a man."
Co-op 4; Varsity Club 4; Foot-
ball 1; Basketball Mgr. 1;
Tennis 3,4.



DURWARD R. CARRIER
(Transfer from Weidman Rural
School)
"To be a gentleman, farm, and
raise my hat."
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Freshman
Class Treasurer.



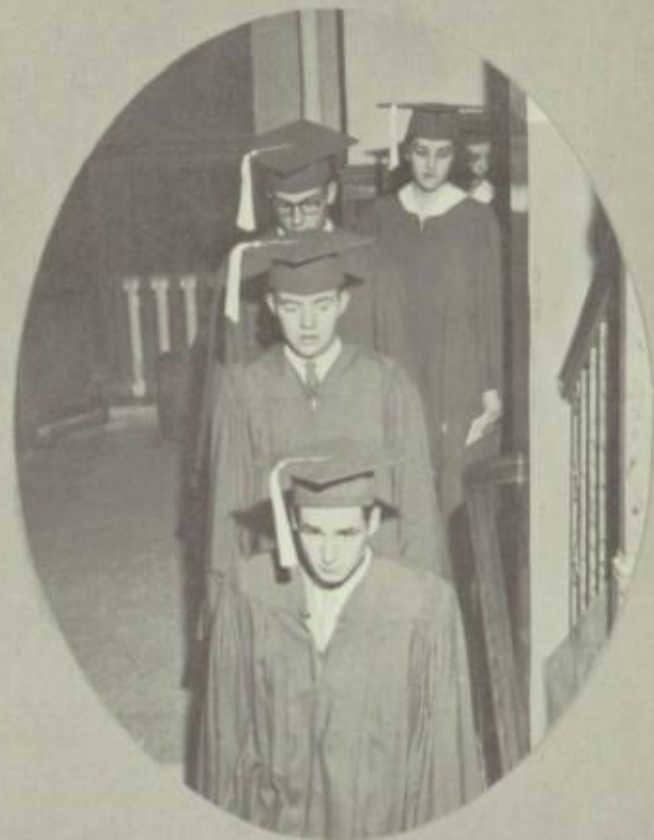
GERALD D. CHILDS
"If there isn't a circus, start
one yourself."
Football Mgr. 1; Basketball
Mgr. 3; Baseball Mgr. 3.



DAVID COHOON
"Don't study until you're
called on to recite."

June 9th Graduation

AT RIGHT: Rev. Cutler, Mr. Graham, Rev. Molyneaux, and Supt. LeCronier, beforehand.



Senior Cruise to Chicago Has Its Ups 'n Downs



Seasickness was the predominant factor of this year's senior trip. The first night of the trip, spent on a boat on Lake Michigan between Holland, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois was one of the roughest the captain and his crew had seen for a long time. There was to be a boat party that night, but so few were able to attend that it had to be postponed. Breakfast the next morning found many of the passengers unable to eat.

There were sight-seeing tours the next day which took in the Museum of Science and Industry, one of the most interesting sights of the day. Lunch was at the Congress Hotel. Then there was a free

afternoon, in which they could do whatever they wanted. Several went shopping or to shows. After dinner back at the hotel, there was another tour which went through Chinatown. There, many people bought hats and souvenirs to take home.

That night was much calmer, as far as the lake was concerned, and they finally got to have their boat party.

The next morning the boat docked in Holland and there the students waited for the buses that brought them back home to Mt. Pleasant.

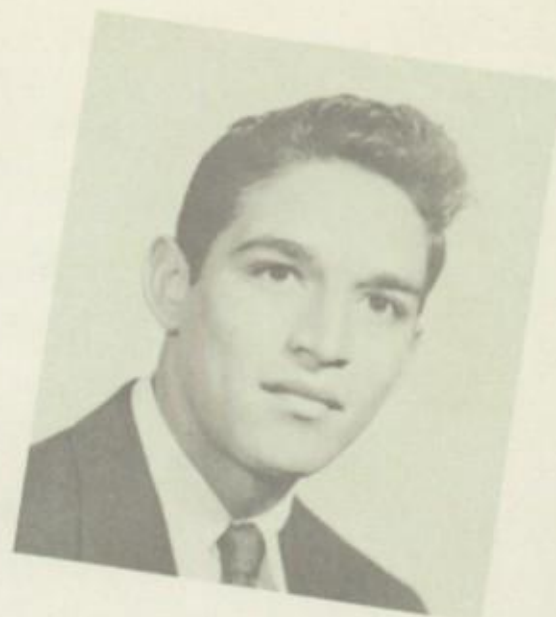




ROBERT LEE CRANE
"The Man With the Horn".
 Band 1,2,3,4, President 3,4;
 Dance Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band
 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Hi-Y 4; Cross
 Country 3; Intramural 3.



JUDITH ANN COX
"Happy, Clever, full of fun —
she has a smile for every-
one."
 Student Council 1; Sophomore
 Class Secretary; Dramatics
 Club 1,2,3,4, Vice President 4;
 Thespians 3,4; Co-op 4, Vice
 President 4; Ushers Club 2,3,
 4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,
 3,4; Vocational Secretary 4.



JAMES CRUZ
"He didn't learn anything from
books."
 Student Council 1; Choir 1,2,3;
 Projector Club 1,2; Machine
 Shop 2,3,4.



RONNY DALE
"Girls are a nuisance, but I
wouldn't mind having one."

Those Lengthy Hours of Study



MARILYN JO DARGITZ
"I can be serious, but I'd
rather be gay."
 Student Council 3,4; Public
 Relations Chairman; Y-Teens
 2,3,4; G.A.A. 1; Intramural 3,
 4; Derrick 4; Stude 4; Office
 Secretary 4.



EILEEN LUCILLE DAVID
"June meant the middle aisle —
in more ways than one."
 Co-op 4; F.H.A. 1; Future
 Nurses 1,2; Vice President 2.



PAUL EUGENE DEAN
 (Transfer from Midland High
 School)
"He knows a lot, but to know
all is his goal."
 Intramural 1,2; Stude 3.



JOANN DETWILER
"Her hair brings out her high-
lights."
 Class Treasurer 2; Band 1,2,3,
 4, Secretary 3, Treasurer 4;
 Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Dance Band
 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1; Ushers
 Club 2,3,4, Secretary 4; Y-
 Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,3,4.



GAY EVALYNN EDMONDS
"She puts her best efforts into everything she does."
 Secretary 3; Band 2,3,4; Dance Band 3; Camera Club 1; Co-op 4; Ushers Club 4; Y-Teens 4; Office Secretary 4.



LOREN ELDRED
"Only three great men are living - I'm one and I forgot the other two."
 Band 1,2,3,4; Dance Band 1,2; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 2,4; Secretary 4; Projector 1,2; President 2; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Track 2,3,4.



RONALD W. ELLIOTT
"The most fun I ever had in school is when I'm not there."
 Co-op 3,4; Football 1.

When the Exams Were A-comin'



CONSTANCE ERLER
"Laughing eyes and flashing smile, charming ways and lots of style."
 Student Council 1,4, Treas. 4; Class Treas. 1; Choir 2,3,4; Dramatics 2,3,4, Sec. 3; Modern Dance 1,2; Pep Squad 3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 1,2,3,4; Office Sec. 4.



WILLIAM R. FINCH
"With malice toward none - just fun."
 Student Coun. 2,3,4; Student Court Judge 4; Class V. Pres. 3; Choir 1,2,3, Treas. 3; Hi-Y V. Pres. 4; Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.



CAROL ANN FISHER
"I'll do something sensational yet."
 Co-op 4; Library 3; Y-Teens 3,4.



WILLIAM E. FITZGERALD
"His only magic was being Fitz."
 Choir 2,3,4; Dramatics 2,3,4; Thespians 3,4; Debate 4; Camera Club 4; Vice President 4; Library 1; Citizenship Essay 2nd, 3, I Speak for Democracy 2nd 3; 1st 4.



NANCY JEAN FLEMING
"Be the job large or small, she does it well or not at all."
 Student Council 3,4; Asst. Sec. 3, Sec. 4; Class Treas. 1; Choir 2,3,4; Modern Dance 1,2; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 1,2,3,4; Stude 3.

Baccalaureate



One hundred forty one seniors attended the first stage of their graduation, Baccalaureate, June 5, in the high school auditorium. Following the opening prayer, the choir sang "Incline Thine Ear" and "Oh My God, Our Help in Ages Past." A fine sermon was then given by Rev. G. Edgar Schade of the West Side Tabernacle Church.



Rehearsals, Greasepaint and—"My Three Angels"



When the curtain opened on the senior play, April 4, the audience stepped into a living room back of a general store in Cayenne, French Guiana. There they laughed at the antics of three convicts (above) who kept shop, cooked, "balanced" the books, paired up lovers, and even disposed of a villain. Directed by Miss Gwen Loveday, "My Three Angels" is shown in rehearsal at right.



And here's the cast after taking their curtain calls. Standing: Gary Mullet, Loren Eldred, and Dave Randolph as the three convicts, Sylvia Wendrow as Mme. Parole, and Bill Fitzgerald as Henri Trochard. Seated: Sandra Howard as Emilie Ducotel, Paul Dean as Felix Ducotel, and Connie Erler as their daughter, Marie Louise. Butch Thorpe played Paul, and Milton Marks was the Navy lieutenant.





EDWARD P. FOLEY
*"In athletics he's really neat
 and for a friend he can't be
 beat."*
 Student Council 1; Choir 4;
 Hi-Y 4; Varsity Club 2,3,4;
 Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,
 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Tennis
 4.



WARREN L. FOLTZ
*"It's not what you do, it's
 what you get away with that
 counts."*
 Varsity Club 2,3,4; Football
 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
 Baseball 1,2,3,4; Derrick 4;
 Stude 4.



ROGER LEWIS FRAYRE
*"Why let the devil have all
 the fun?"*
 Student Council 1; Choir 3,4;
 Varsity 2,3,4; Football 4;
 Basketball 2,3,4; Track 3,4;
 Baseball 3,4; Tennis 4; CMC
 Baseball Player of the Year
 1954.



SUEANN M. FORD
*"Her smiles many and each
 so pleasing."*
 Student Council 1; G.A.A. 1;
 Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,3.

Can You Recall the Big Dance?



JIMMIE WAYNE GATTEN
*"He's backward about coming
 forward."*
 Band 1,2,3,4; Librarian 3,4;
 Hi-Y 4; Intramural 3,4; Dance
 Band 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4.



BETTY EMOGENE GIBSON
*"You couldn't call her bash-
 ful."*



DONALD P. GILL
*"It seems to me he's always
 glad - in truth, why should
 a senior be sad?"*
 Student Council 2; Football
 1,2; Baseball 2,4.



BETTE JEAN GILL
 (Transfer from Sacred Heart)
*"She is willing to be con-
 vinced, but where is the
 one who can do it?"*
 Student Council 1; Class
 Treas. 4; Dramatics Club 2,
 3; Thespians 3; Y-Teens 2,
 3,4; Stude 3; Office Sec. 3.



NANCY LOU GOLDBECKER
"Life is no longer if I hurry,
no better if I worry."



GAIL KAY GOODWIN
"Either I will find a way or
make one."
Student Council 3; Band 1,2,
3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; De-
bate 3; Ushers 2,3,4, Pres-
ident 4; Co-op 4, Secretary 4;
Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,
3,4.



JANET MAE GRACE
"She looks like an angel and
acts like one too, but you
never can tell what an angel
will do."
Choir 1,2,3; Y-Teens 1,2;
Intramural 1,2; Co-op 3.



RICHARD J. GRACE
"I know a lot but I can't
think of it."

Our Noisy Pep Assemblies



FAYE ELLEN GRAF
"A girl worth knowing."
Dramatics Club 2,3,4; Thes-
pians 3,4, President 4; Co-op
4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Stude 3.



JERRY LYNN GRAHAM
"He came, he saw, and he's
still looking around."
Co-op 1; Projectors Club 1;
Varsity Club 1,2,3; Cross
Country 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3,4.



ROY F. GRAHAM
"To climb steep hills requires
slow pace at first."
Co-op 4.



HELEN ROSEANNE GREER
"A careful student — careful
not to do too much."
Dramatics Club 1; Modern
Dance 1; F.H.A. 1, President
1; Library 2.



EDDY L. GRUBB
"I never let studies interfere with my education."
Student Council 1; Co-op 4, President 4; Cross Country 1,2; Intramural 2.



ROBERT G. HAGGART
"In his classes he's a bashful sort, but out with the fellows a right good sport."
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Vice President 4.



NANCY JO HAIGHT
"She is jolly, good-natured, and true — her share she is willing to do."
Band 1,2,3,4; Dance Band 1, 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,4; Homecoming Queen Attendant 1.



JANET MARIE HALL
"A friend of everyone, enemy to none."
Y-Teens 2,3,4.

Remember Many Exciting Games



CHARLENE G. HIBBELN
"Sometimes quiet, sometimes shy, but the rest of the time — oh, my!"
Library 2.



MARILYN JUDITH HARLESS
"She was made for happy thoughts."
Co-op 4; F.H.A. 1; Y-Teens 2.



JOHN A. HANSON
(Transfer from Houghton High School, Houghton, Michigan)
"Life on the stage didn't harm me — now I'm playing my part in the Army."
Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3; Dramatics Club 2,3,4; Thespians 3,4; Debate 3,4.



JUDITH ANDREA HALL
"Here is a prize in charm and knowledge."
Student Council 3, Concessions Chairman; Dramatics Club 2,4; Thespians 4; Ushers 2,3,4, Vice President 3; Y-Teens 2,3,4, President 4; Office Secretary 4.



ANNIS L. HILL
 "When she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad . . ."
 Y-Teens 2,3,4.



SANDRA ELIZABETH HOWARD
 "An excellent scholar always ready for fun, never content till her work is done."
 Student Council 2,3,4, President 4; Class President 3; Choir 3,4; Dramatics 1,2,3,4; Thespians 3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 1,2,3,4; Salutatorian 4.



DAVID WILLIAM HOLE
 "I don't dare be as witty as I am."
 Football 3; Baseball 2,3,4.



SHIRLEE ANN HOYT
 "Silence never yet betrayed anyone."

... the Crowded Mixers After



MERLENE HUGHES
 "I can live without poetry, music, or walking, but who in the world can live without talking?"
 Band 1,2,3,4; Co-op 4; G.A. A. 1.



ORVAL HUTCHINSON
 "I'm all right as long as I'm not disturbed."
 F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Co-op 4.



PHIL A. JOHNSTON
 "He's neither a bookworm nor a social hound, but he's a good fellow to have around."
 Band 1,2,3; Varsity Club 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Baseball 1.



JOHN E. JOHNSTON
 "No task too tremendous, no duty too small."
 Class Vice President 1; Camera Club 1; Projector Club 1,2; Baseball 3,4.



CHARLES JAMES JONES
"I'm not as bashful as I look."



ROBERT K. KENDALL
(Transfer from Smithfield High School, Smithfield, W. Va.)
"Don't let his innocent looks deceive you."
Student Council 2,3; Class President 3; Band 4.



SHIRLEY A. KIRKEY
"Laughing, jolly, carefree, the ideal way to be."
Band 1,2,3,4; Dance Band 3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Debate 4; Y-Teens 2; Intramural 3,4; Office Secretary 4.



KATHRYN KAY LANDON
"A happy, joyful way she had."
Student Council 3; Co-op 4; Library 3; Y-Teens 3,4.

Remember Sodas After School?



LARRY L. LOUGH
"A little work, a little play to keep me going through the day."
Co-op 3,4; Football 2.



JOANN X. LYON
"Ready to split her sides with laughter."
Choir 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4.



DONALD O. LOVEJOY
"Where joy and duty clash, let duty go to smash."
Dramatics Club 4; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Stude 4.



DON JAMES MACHUTA
"Clever men are good, but they are not the best."
Choir 1; Co-op 4; F.F.A. 2,3; Basketball 2.



STAN MALISH
*"It's not work that kills men,
 it's women."*
 Machine Shop 3,4.



LESLIE McFADDEN
 (Transfer from Saginaw High
 School, Saginaw, Michigan -
 Also attended Alma High
 School, Alma, Michigan)
*"You should have seen me
 when I was a kid."*
 Student Council 1,2; Band 1,
 2,3; Pep Band 1,2,3; Choir 4;
 Boys' Chorus 2; Hi-Y 2,3,4;
 Pep Squad 2,3; Projector
 Club 1,2,3; Varsity Club 3;
 Chapel Committee 3; Golf 2,
 3; Derrick Adv. Mgr. 4; Stude
 Adv. Mgr. 4.



MILTON MARKS
*"Nothing is really work un-
 less you'd rather be doing
 something else."*
 Student Council 3; Monitor 3,
 4; Camera Club 2,4; Football
 4; Intramural 3,4; Track 4.



BETTE L. McLACHLIN
*"Quiet, thoughtful, and
 studious."*
 F.H.A. 2; Office Secretary 3.

Those Lively Parties



SHIRLEY JEAN MOORE
*"When she's around, we can't
 be sad - she broke the
 heart of many a lad."*
 Student Council 1; Library 3,4.



MARKEITH ANN MOSES
*"She does her part with a
 willing hand."*
 Choir 2,3,4; F.H.A. 2; G.A.
 A. 1; Library 3.



NANCY MOSS
*"Essence of sweetness,
 model of neatness."*
 Co-op 4; F.H.A. 2; G.A.A. 1;
 Library 3.



ROBERT MOSS
*"Silent, quiet, easy going -
 one who's really worth your
 knowing."*
 Golf 2,4.



NANCY MUMFORD
 "I might be good if I would,
 but it's awful lonesome
 being good."
 Class Secretary 4; Y-Teens
 2,3,4; Queen's Attendant 3;
 Derrick 4; Stude 4.



GARY M. MULLET
 (Transfer from Port Huron
 High School, Port Huron,
 Michigan)
 "A scholar and popular man,
 he always does the best he
 can."
 Student Council 3; Class
 President 1; Dramatics Club
 4; Camera Club 1; Co-op 4;
 Projectors Club 1; Varsity
 Club 3; Tennis 2,3; Wolverine
 Boys State 3; Co-Valedictorian
 4.



DAVID H. MYERS
 "A fighting lad with lots of
 steam."
 Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,
 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.



BOB NAGY
 "He stays up nights trying to
 find ways of getting more
 sleep."
 Student Council Alternate 2;
 F.F.A. 2.

Building Floats For Homecoming



GUY E. NICKS
 "I don't mind studying, but I
 don't like to tell the teachers
 what I know."
 Student Council 2,3.



DONALD R. OAKS
 "He is gentle, he is shy, but
 there is mischief in his
 eye."
 Choir 1,4; Dramatics 3; F.F.
 A. 2,3,4; Intramural 1,3,4.



BARBARA O'BRIEN
 "I'm no angel but I'm happy."



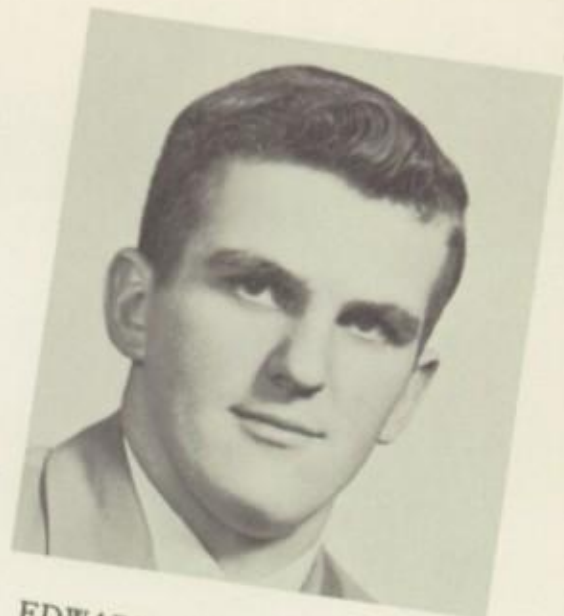
NORMAN V. ONSTOTT
 "The world's greatest men
 have not commonly been its
 greatest scholars."
 Co-op 4; F.F.A. 2,3,4;
 Sentinel 4.



PETER DUANE OTTO
(Transfer from Traverse City
High School, Traverse City,
Mich.)
"Life is what you make it."
Co-op 3.



BONNIE M. PHILLIPS
"To us she gave laughter and
her jest."
Student Council 4; Class
President 4, Secretary 1;
Choir 2,3,4; Madrigals 2,3,4;
Dramatics Club 2; Modern
Dance 1,2; Secretary 2; Future
Nurses 2; G.A.A. 1; Y-Teens
2,3,4; Intramural 1,2,3,4;
Stude 3; Wolverine Girls
State 3; Office Secretary 3,4.



EDWARD THOMAS PAPPAS
(Transfer from Sacred Heart)
"School, I suppose, is a
necessary evil."
F.F.A. 4.



ELEANOR PEARSALL
"Being all that she is and
nothing she is not."
Student Council Alternate 4;
Co-op 4; G.A.A. 1; Ushers 3.

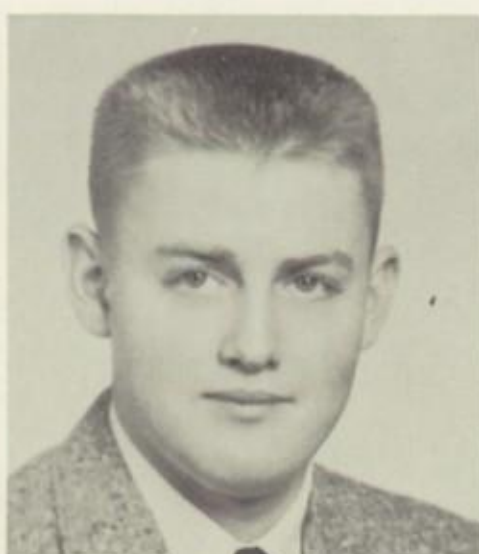
The Wonderful Senior Prom



MAURICE PEGO
"When there's nothing else
to do, go to school. I got
an education that way."
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Cross Country
1,2,3; Track 1,2,3.



E. TOM PETERS
"School spoils the whole
day."
Camera Club 1; Journalism 1;
Football 1, Mgr. 1; Basketball
Mgr. 1; School Photographer
2.



THOMAS JOHN PETERSEN
"I could go a long way in the
world if I knew which way
to go."



DON PALMER
"You're only young once."
Football 1,2,3,4.



SALLEY JANE PIERCE
"She speaks, behaves, and acts just as she should."
 Co-op 4.



EDWARD LLOYD PITTS
"Never estimate what's in a quiet man."
 F.F.A. 3.



ROBERT M. PRAAY
"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."
 Student Council 4; F.F.A. 2, 3, 4, President 4.



JOYCE M. PRICE
"A true model of peace and content."
 F.H.A. 1.

Those Dreaded Examinations



DAVID RANDOLPH
"Oh! The need of the world for men like me."
 Student Council 4; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural 4.



PAUL RODRIGUEZ
"I stand on the brink of my career. Will someone please push me off?"
 Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 4; Football 1, 2, 4.



SHARON LEE SANBACK
"Peppy and full of fun, fine company for everyone."
 Dramatics Club 4; G.A.A. 2; Ushers 3; Modern Dance 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Stude 4; Derrick 4.



PAUL CILFORD SCHADE
"A star in our games, a star in our classes, he's also the star of all our classes."
 Student Council 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 4; Varsity Club 4; Football 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 1; Intramural 2, 3.



WAYNE SCHUTT
 "Early to bed, early to rise
 keeps a man until he dies."
 F.F.A. 2,3,4.



CHARLES E. SCRIBNER
 "Who's the greatest man in
 the world, and why am I?"
 Co-op 3,4; Varsity Club 2,3,
 4; Basketball 1; Tennis 1,2,
 3,4; Intramural 2,3.



FRANCES KAY SHOE
 "She's a quiet lass until you
 see her out of class."

Those Sales After School



MARILYN SMITH
 "The mildest manner and the
 gentlest heart."
 Choir 2,3,4.



MARY E. STARR
 (Transfer from Gladwin, Mich.)
 "Can we ever have too much
 of a good thing?"
 Choir 4.



JAYNICE
 JOANNE STAVELEY
 "Exception to the rule of
 haste makes waste."



ROBERT J. STINSON
 "Many great men are dying,
 and I don't feel so good my-
 self."
 Student Council 1,4; Varsity
 Club 4; Football 1,2; Base-
 ball 1; Golf 2,3,4; Stude Ed-
 itor 4; Derrick 4.



GERALD S. STOKES
 "A star? Well, he's always
 out nights."



NANCY ELAINE SWAIN
"A girl with many moods."
 Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Ushers 4.



DARRELL P. THORPE
"The difficult I do immediately — the impossible takes a little longer."
 Student Council 4; Student Court Prosecuting Attorney 4; Class President 2; Dramatics 4; Hi-Y 4; Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.



JO ANN TAYLOR
"What? No men in heaven? Then leave me here."
 Ushers 3; Y-Teens 2,3,4.



MICHAEL L. SWEENEY
"A greater athlete may have lived but we doubt it."
 Varsity Club 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 2,3,4.

Friendships That Last



DON TIETZ
"I'll get there if you give me time."
 Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2.



SHELBY JEAN TORPEY
"Call me at sunrise, but don't let the sun rise too early."



FRANCES MARIE TREVISIOL
"The best of life is none too good for her."
 Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 2,4; Ushers 4; Y-Teens 2,3,4.



GLORIA LEE TULLY
"Quiet like the calm before the storm."
 Choir 2,3,4; Library 2; Ushers 2,3.



ROBERT J. UPDEGRAFF
"Life was made to be enjoyed.
Oh, don't I know it!"
Choir 1,2,3; Varsity Club 3,4;
Football 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.



WALTER D. UTTERBACK
"He knows that football isn't
the only place a good line
is needed."
Student Council 1,4; Dramatics
Club 4; Thespians 4; Pro-
jectors Club 1,2,3; Varsity
Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,
4; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,
2,4; Intramural 4.



DONNA MAE VanAUKER
"Soft spoken but seldom
speaking."
Choir 2,3,4, Treasurer 4; Y-
Teens 2.



MARGARET HAMILTON
"Always laughing, always
gay, Nature made her that
way."
Stu. Coun. 3; Class Treas.
3; Band 1,2,3,4; Dance Band
1,2,3; Pep Band 1,2,3; Y-
Teens 2,3,4.

Look Back On The Past Years



THEO MAE VAUGHN
"It's nice to be natural when
you're naturally nice."
Choir 2,3, Vice President 3;
Dramatics Club 1,2; Co-op 4;
Y-Teens 2,3.



MARJORIE LEA WAGNER
"High school days have their
delights, but they can't
compare with high school
nights."
Co-op 4; F.H.A. 1; G.A.A. 2;
Library 2,4; Y-Teens 2.



SYLVIA DIANNE WENDROW
"Her achievements great,
friends many."
Stu. Coun. 4; V. Pres. 4;
Band 1,2,3,4; Drum Major 3,4;
Drama. Club 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens
2,3,4; Intramural 2,3,4; D.A.
R. Girl 4; Co-Valedictorian 4.



HARRY WESLEY WELSH
"He would be a ladies' man
if they would give him a
chance."
Student Council 3,4; Varsity
Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4;
Baseball 1,4.



JERRY R. WILEY
 "Can I help it if the girls find me irresistible?"
 Student Council 1,4; Choir 2,3,4, President 4; Hi-Y 4; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.



DONNA LEE WHITE
 "Mischievous shines through her eyes."
 Student Council 1,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4, Council 3; Dramatics 2,3, Treasurer 3; G.A.A. 1; Homecoming Attendant 1; Baseball Attendant 3; Pep Squad 2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,3,4; Stude 4; Derrick 4; Office Secretary 4.



MARILYN KAY WILSON
 "She is herself - that is enough."
 Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Co-op 4; G.A.A. 1; Ushers 4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,3,4.



BETTE MAY WINTER
 "Pretty as cotton candy and twice as sweet."
 Student Council 2; Band 1,2,3; Pep Band 3; G.A.A. 1,2; Ushers 1,2,3, Treasurer 3; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Social Dance Club.

We'll Go Forth With Memories



RICHARD BRUCE WOOD
 "The line forms to the right, girls!"
 Student Council 1,4; Choir 1,3,4; Council 3; Hi-Y 4; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Social Dance Club 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 3; Track 1,2,3,4; Intramural 4.



MICHAEL J. WOODS
 "He was like a blotter - soaked it all in but got it all backwards."
 Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.



JAMES R. WOODS
 "The line forms to the left, girls!"
 Student Council 2,3; Band 1; Hi-Y 4, Treasurer 4; Varsity Club 3,4; Football 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; Intramural 3,4; Derrick 4; Stude 4.



MARJORIE HELEN WOJACK
 "She's not a rule breaker - just a mischief maker."
 Co-op 4; F.H.A. 2.



JUSTINE YOUNG
 "Let silence be for saints -
 I'm human."
 Future Nurses 2; G.A.A. 1;
 Ushers 1,2,3; Y-Teens 2,3.

Remember Our Last Day



GLORIA A. ZYGMONT
 "Hair of gold, eyes of blue."

Twenty-seven years of service as librarian and English teacher in this school came to a close this spring with the retirement of Miss Sadie Juliet Woodruff.

In her years before coming to M.P.H.S. she attended the University of Michigan where she received her A.B., B.S., and M.A. degrees. She spent one summer at Columbia and one at Northwestern. While at Michigan Normal she got her Life Certificate.

Her teaching career started in a rural school near her home town of Kendallville, Indiana.

From the year 1928 with its 62 graduates till 1955 with 141, she has seen many students graduate.

Miss Woodruff plans to go back to Kendallville to spend the rest of her life with her parents.

The student body, faculty, and people will never forget the help she has given to them in her 26 years here.





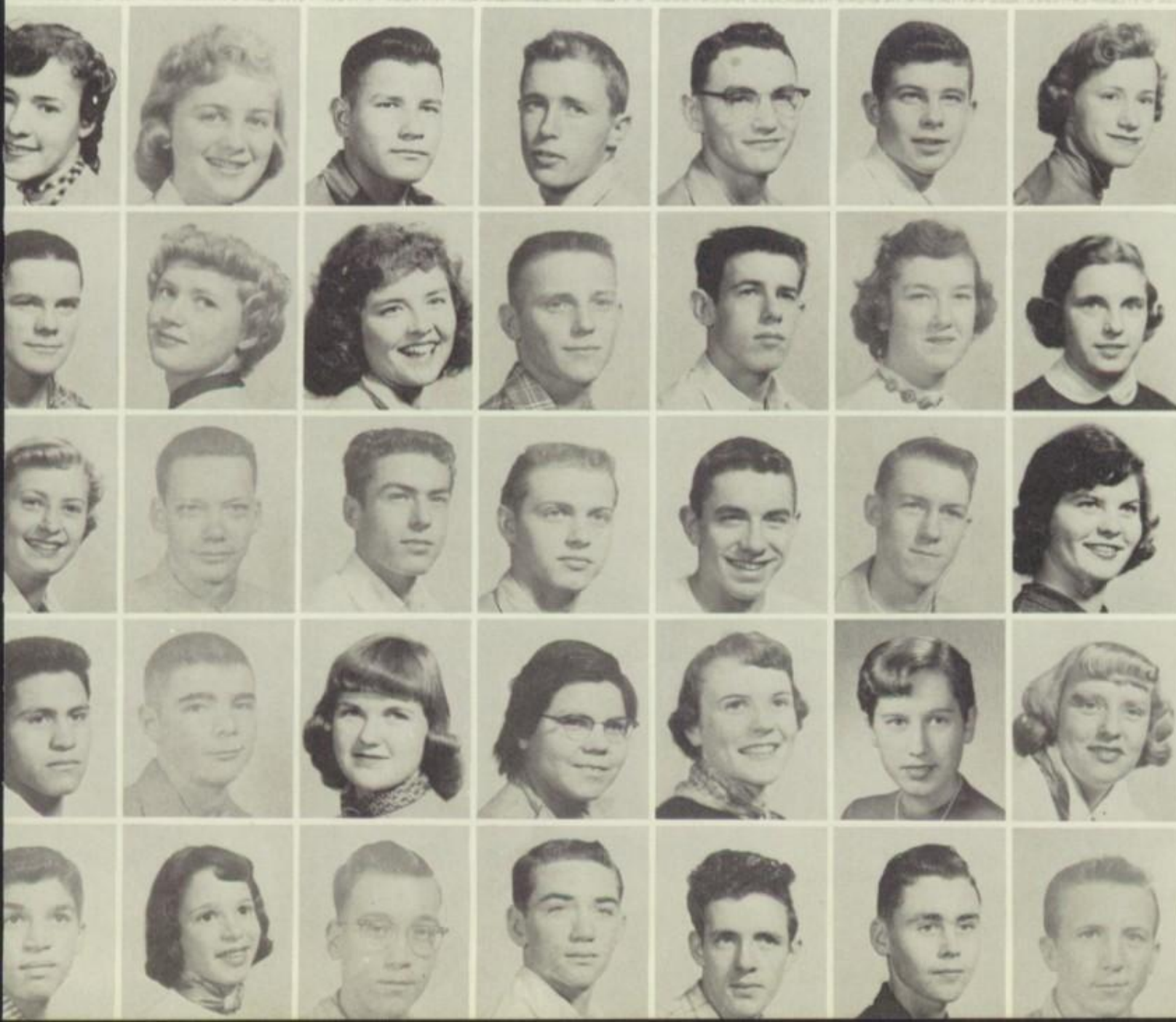
Homework Is No Problem . . .



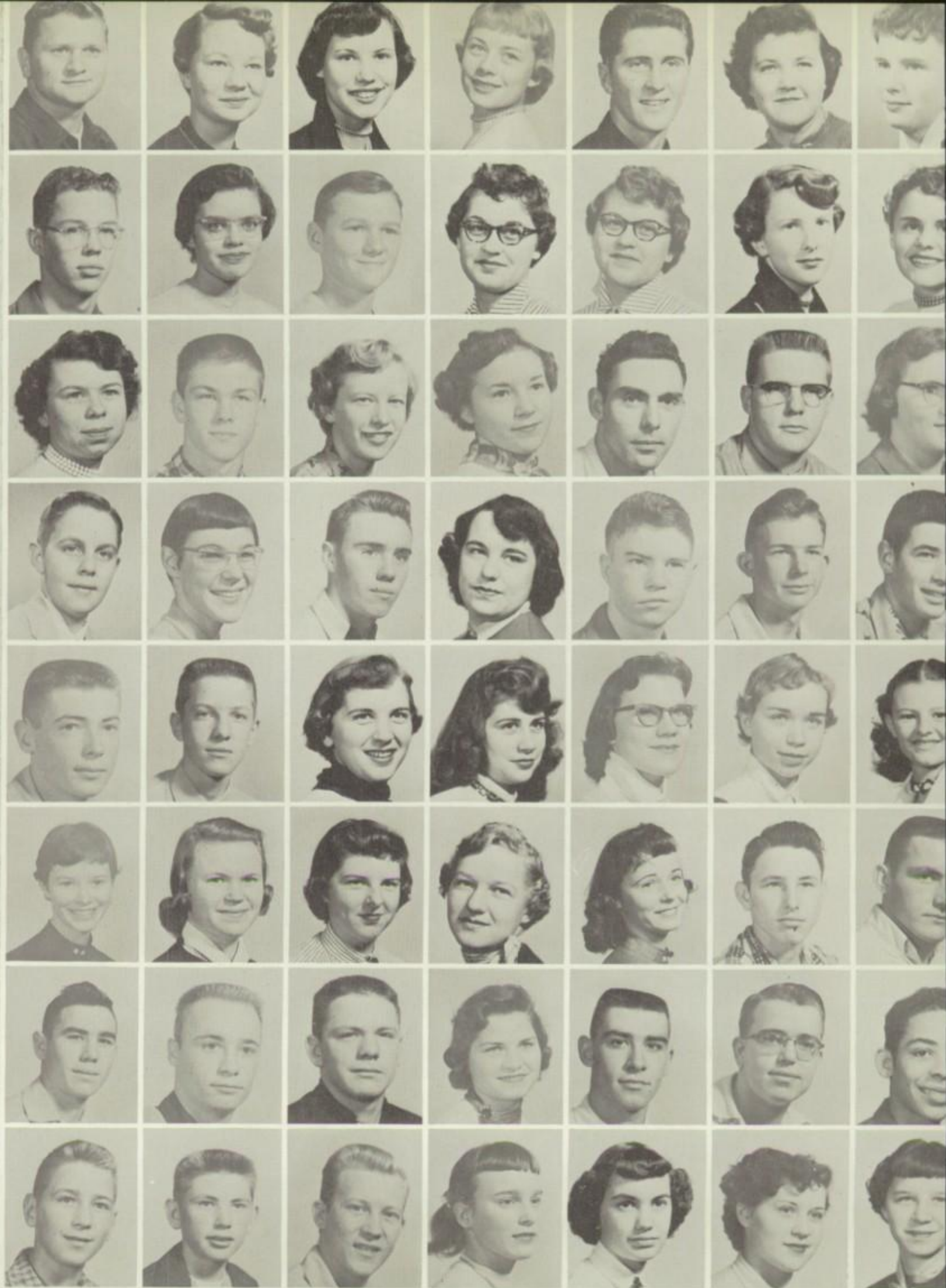
The Juniors Plan Their Annual Hop

"Dancing Silhouettes" was the theme given to the Junior Hop by President Doug Evett, Vice President Phil House, Secretary Shirley Phillips, and Treasurer Lola Belle Stevens, shown here.

ROW ONE: Nancy Albar, Joan Ambum, Francis Anderson, Larry Anderson, Dick Anspach, Ron Archer, Virginia Armstrong. ROW TWO: Tom Bacome, Diane Baker, Marian Beal, Kyler Bell, Jim Bess, Jean Blizzard, Faye Lou Brasington. ROW THREE: Carol Brewster, Larry Bristol, Brian Bronson, Larry Burgess, Bob Byron, Leo Caldwell, Donna Calkins. ROW FOUR: Joe Castillo, Phil Chipman, Judy Collins, Ruth Collins, Barb Coon, Delores Conkright, Pat Crane. ROW FIVE: Dan Cruz, Vera Cruz, Dick Dangler, Clarence David, Joe Davis, Bob Dawson, Jim Demski.

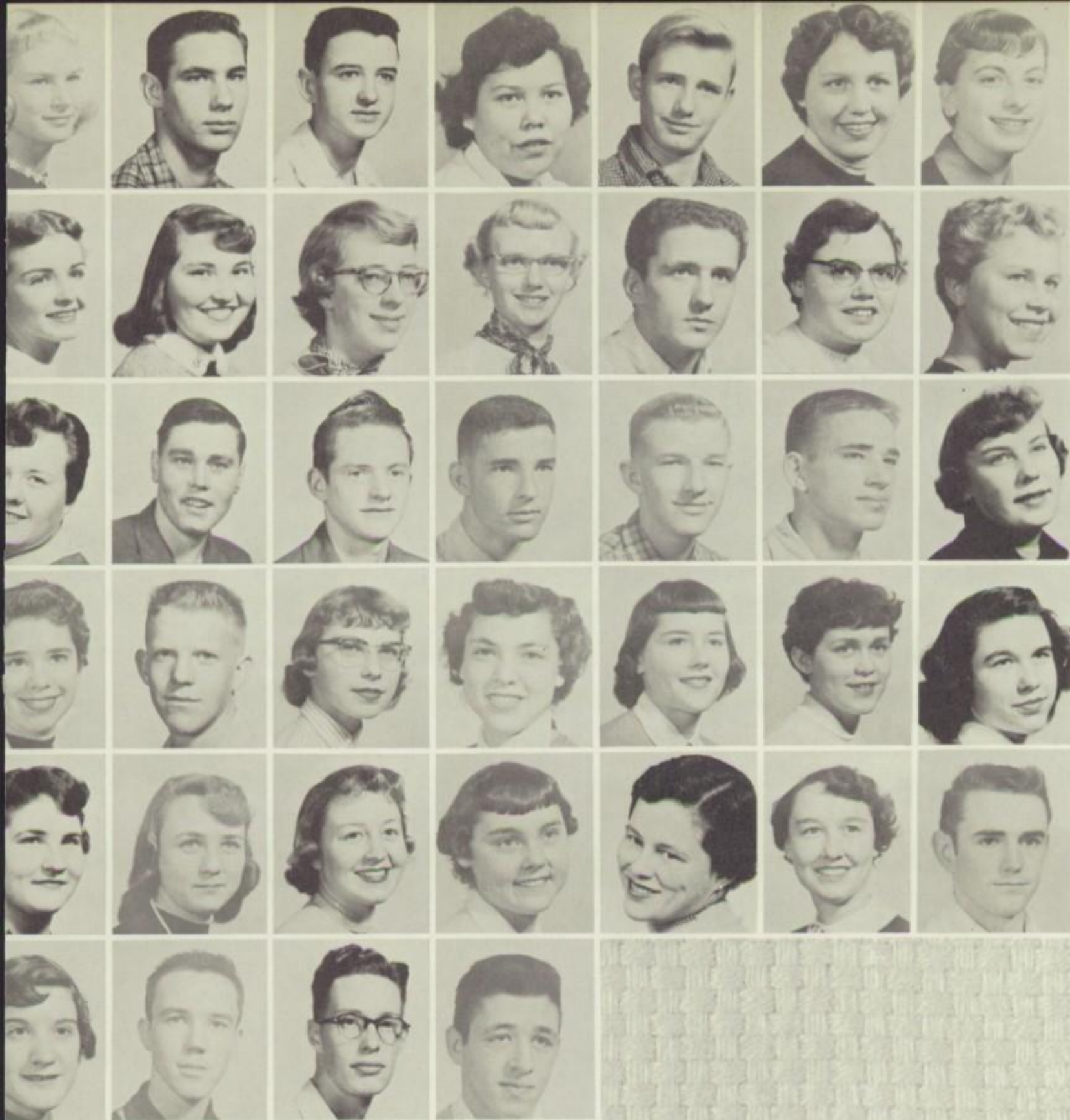


Juniors



ROW ONE: Lloyd Dibble, Harriet Dowell, Barb Doyens, Dee Ann Drallette, Willie Epple, Betty Elkins, Bonnie Ervin. ROW TWO: Doug Evett, Betty Getchell, Bob Glover, Sharon Grace, Shirley Grace, Mona Lee Graham, Sally Grewe. ROW THREE: Lavina Griffin, Terry Hammond, Jane Harvey, Ellen Hayward, Duane Hazelton, Bill Hill, Ardith Hoover. ROW FOUR: Phillip House, Anna Hradel, Duane Huffman, Pat Huguelet, Bob James, David John, Mark Johnston. ROW FIVE: Bob Johnston, Milan Johnson; Mary Jones, Nancy Jones, Jo Klosowski, Connie Koppler, Gail Leonard. ROW SIX: Shirley Lewis, Louise Lidderdale, Lorraine Love, Janet Lovejoy, Lafem Lucas, Dick Lumbert, Tim Lynch. ROW SEVEN: Larry McBride, Mike McClintic, Jerry McFarlane, Betty Mahon, Frank Marcus, Ron Markel, John Mayberry. ROW EIGHT: George Miller, Dick Mogg, Don Moose, Sue Morrow, Helen Muterspaugh, Pat Nedele, Joyce Neff.

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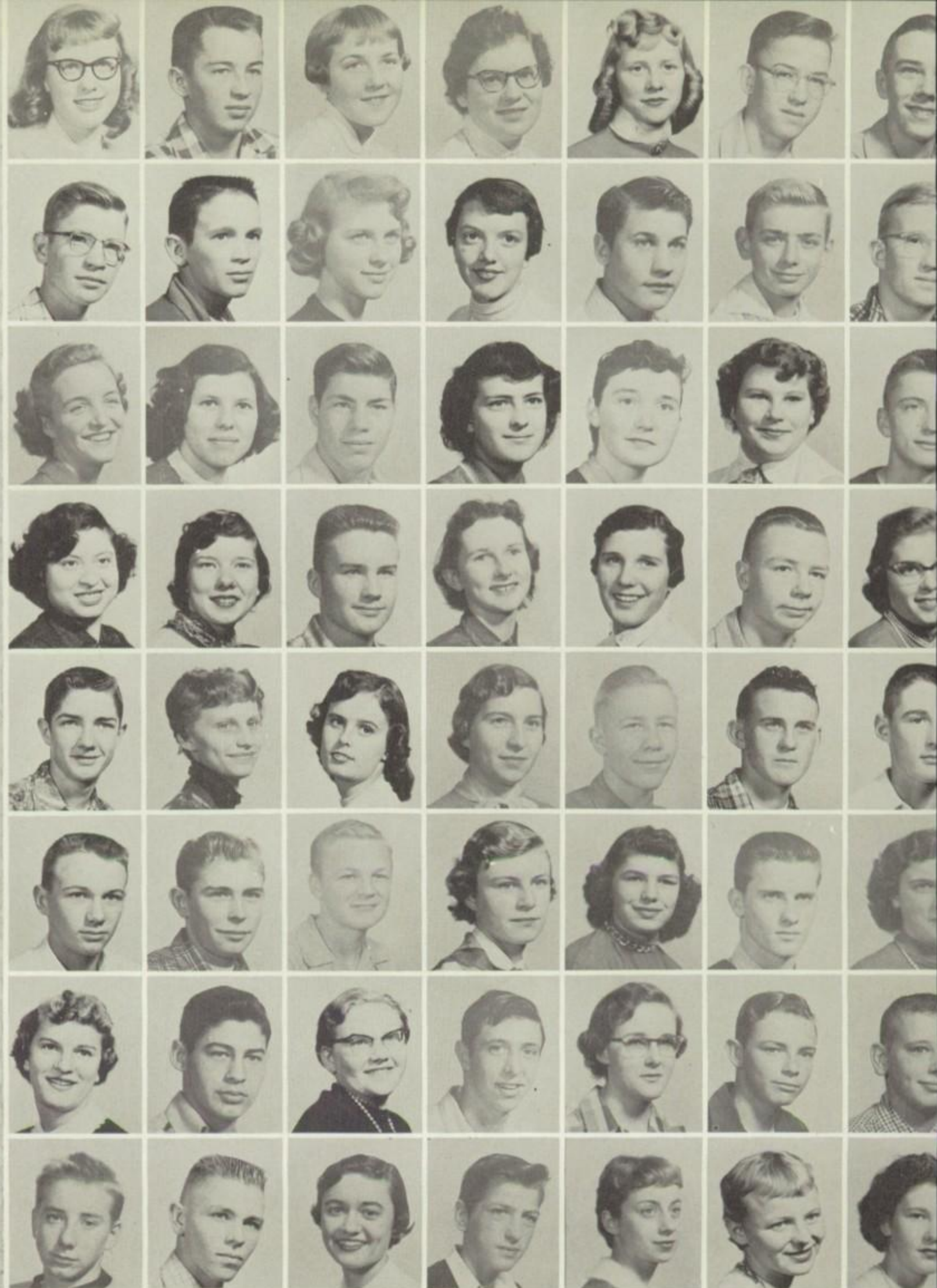
ROW ONE: Carolyn Osborn, Harold Perkins, Doug Peters, Judy Peters, Jim Peterson, Shirley Phillips, Helen Pishos. ROW TWO: Rosie Prior, Kay Ritchie, Barb Saller, Charlene Sargent, Murray Schoen, Lavonna Seiter, Sally Serier. ROW THREE: Charlotte Shumaker, Scott Simonds, Dan Slaughter, Don Smithgall, Ron Smithgall, Dick Stahl, Lily Ann Stegman. ROW FOUR: Lola Belle Stevens, Jim Stork, Pat Strang, Jackie Strong, Liz Sweeney, Nancy Vadnais, Shirley Van Orden. ROW FIVE: Pat Veit, Betty Bon Doloski, Pam Wakefield, Cecelia Watson, Sally Watson, Dee Ann Weller, Larry West. ROW SIX: Carol Wetzal, Chuck Williams, Garth Wiltse, Ray Zimmerman.

Sophomores Have Fun Selecting Those Popular Class Rings

Starfire stone class rings fascinate President Lynn Mefort, Vice President Nan Woodruff, Secretary Lynn Detwiler, and Treasurer Nancy Bailey. The class' novel float won second with its "We've Got the Panthers Goin' Around."

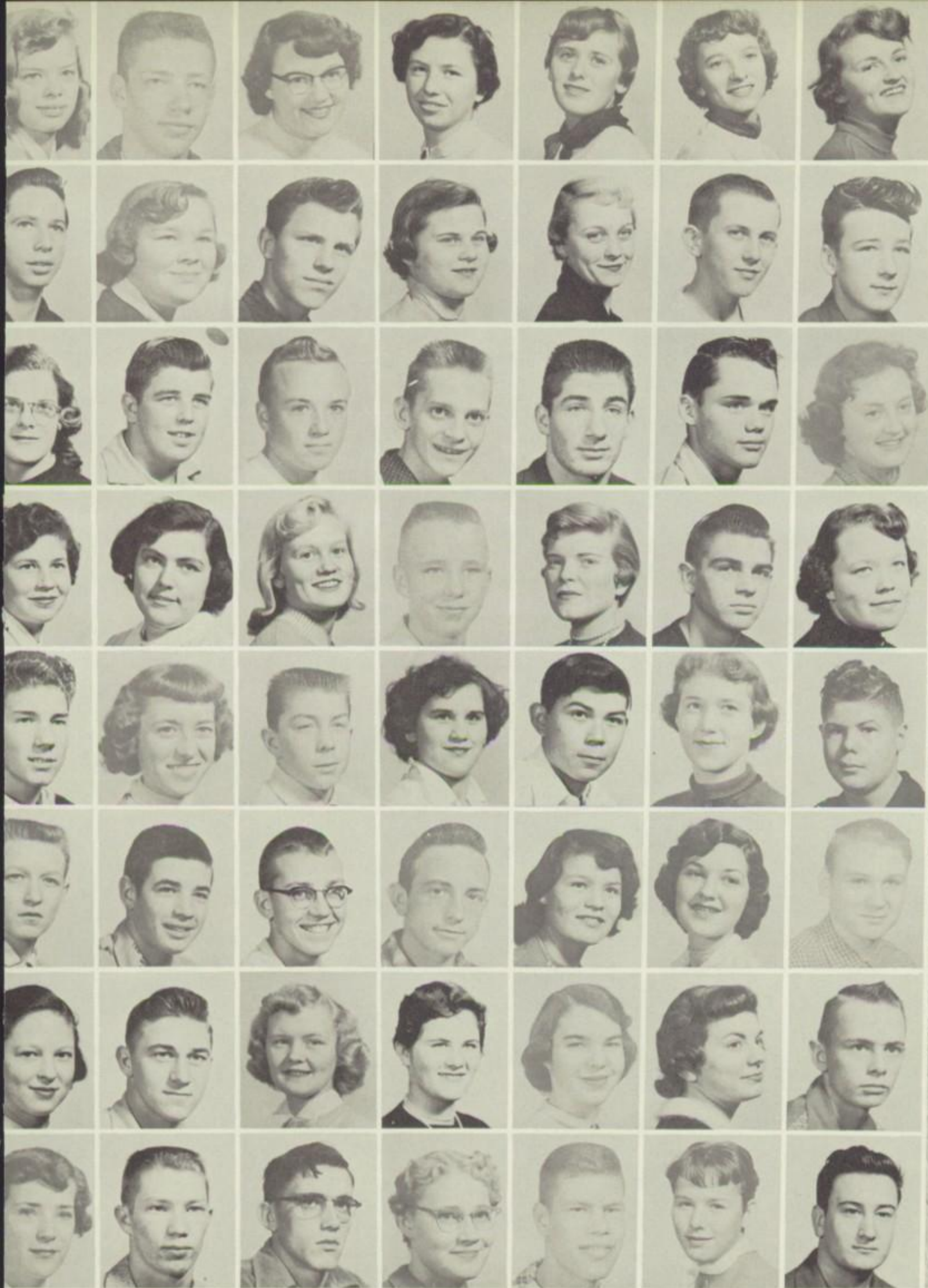


Sophs



ROW ONE: Sonja Abbey, Jim Adams, Kay Ashworth, Donna Austin, Nancy Bailey, Bernard Baldwin, Terry Batchelder. ROW TWO: Marvin Bellinger, Sidney Benaske, Kay Blizzard, Joann Bourland, Gene Bowers, Bill Brigham, Bill Brown. ROW THREE: Wilda Carrier, Pat Carson, David Childs, Beatrice Cluley, Leona Cook, Kay Crawford, Charles Crowley. ROW FOUR: Rachel Cruz, Mary Curtis, Allen Davis, Barb Davis, Darlene Davis, Virgil Davis, Deanna Deale. ROW FIVE: Larry Deckard, Elina Detwiler, Lynne Detwiler, Kay Dimit, Keith Dimit, Gary Dixon, Bill Donaldson. ROW SIX: Tom Donaldson, Larry Dunbar, Russ Durfee, Nancy Eismann, Shirley Elliott, Mark Eppe, Elinor Faber. ROW SEVEN: Marilyn Fairchild, Dick Fate, Karen Fike, Roy Findley, Pat Fine, George Fischer, Charles Fitzpatrick. ROW EIGHT: Joe Fitzgerald, Jack Fluharty, Janet Fogelson, John Foltz, Jean Foust, Pat Frank, Barb Freer.

Sophs



ROW ONE: Barb Freeze, Russ Gatten, Jean Gilbert, Brenda Gilpin, Pat Goldbecker, Carol Grace, Laura Grass. ROW TWO: Frank Griffith, Barb Groves, Darrell Hadlock, Eileen Hancock, Betty Hanlin, Jack Harkins, Danny Harless. ROW THREE: Dawn Harless, Denver Harless, Bob Harris, Ron Harris, Phil Harris, Sam Hart, Kaye Haskin. ROW FOUR: Mary Lou Haynes, Esther Hazelton, Carol Heinlein, Paul Heydenburg, Judy Hill, Jim Hilliard, Jean Holley. ROW FIVE: Tom Horton, Barb Howe, Denny Howell, Nancy Imhoff, Junior Isaac, Pat Jarman, Bob Johnson. ROW SIX: Gary Johnson, Mark Johnston, David Jones, Lynn Jones, Yvonne Kahgegab, Ruth Kile, Horst Klisch. ROW SEVEN: Anna Knorr, Ray Kullman, Joan Lamb, Mary Lamont, Loraine Lampman, Lynn Larimer, Jack Little. ROW EIGHT: Bonnie Logic, Jack Long, Chester Lowery, June McDonald, Gene McAlester, Wilma McCament, Ron McCullough.

Sophs



ROW ONE: Dave McGee, Sonja McGuirk, Dick McQueen, Dave Martin, Larry Mason, Dick Mead, Lynn Mefort. ROW TWO: Mike Merchand, Sherry Meredith, Sharon Merrill, Bonnie Metcalf, Kent Miller, Delores Morford, Irene Moreno. ROW THREE: Gail Morgan, Marilyn Morten, Janet Moss, Shelby Morrison, Dick Myers, Bob Neeland, Bob Neff. ROW FOUR: Emily Nelson, Pat O'Brien, Jim Orcutt, Don Parker, Mary Phillips, Denise Philo, Phyllis Prescott. ROW FIVE: Shari Price, Loretta Recker, Ann Render, Frank Rock, Pete Rodenbeck, Rosalie Rood, Ruth Sanders. ROW SIX: Collette Savage, Wayne Small, Joyce Smith, Phyllis Smith, Shirley Snider, Charles Spence, Betty Sponseller. ROW SEVEN: Don Staveley, Marilyn Stokes, Vera Strait, Dick Straka, Bill Thering, Skip Thorpe, Esther Todd. ROW EIGHT: Delia Torres, Wayne Tyler, Betty Updegraff, Bonnie Van Auker, Dean Verleger, Larry Vernon, Sharon Wagner.



Sophs

ROW ONE: Barb Ward, Lynn Waterworth, Mary Weaver, Dave Wender, Norman Wendrow, Jack Westbrook, Carol White.
ROW TWO: Pat Whitney, Audney Wickstrom, Norman Williams, Sandra Williams, Mary Wilson, Bill Wood, Nancy Woodruff.
ROW THREE: Peg Woods, Judy Wysong, Sharon Yeater, Lorelee Nicks.

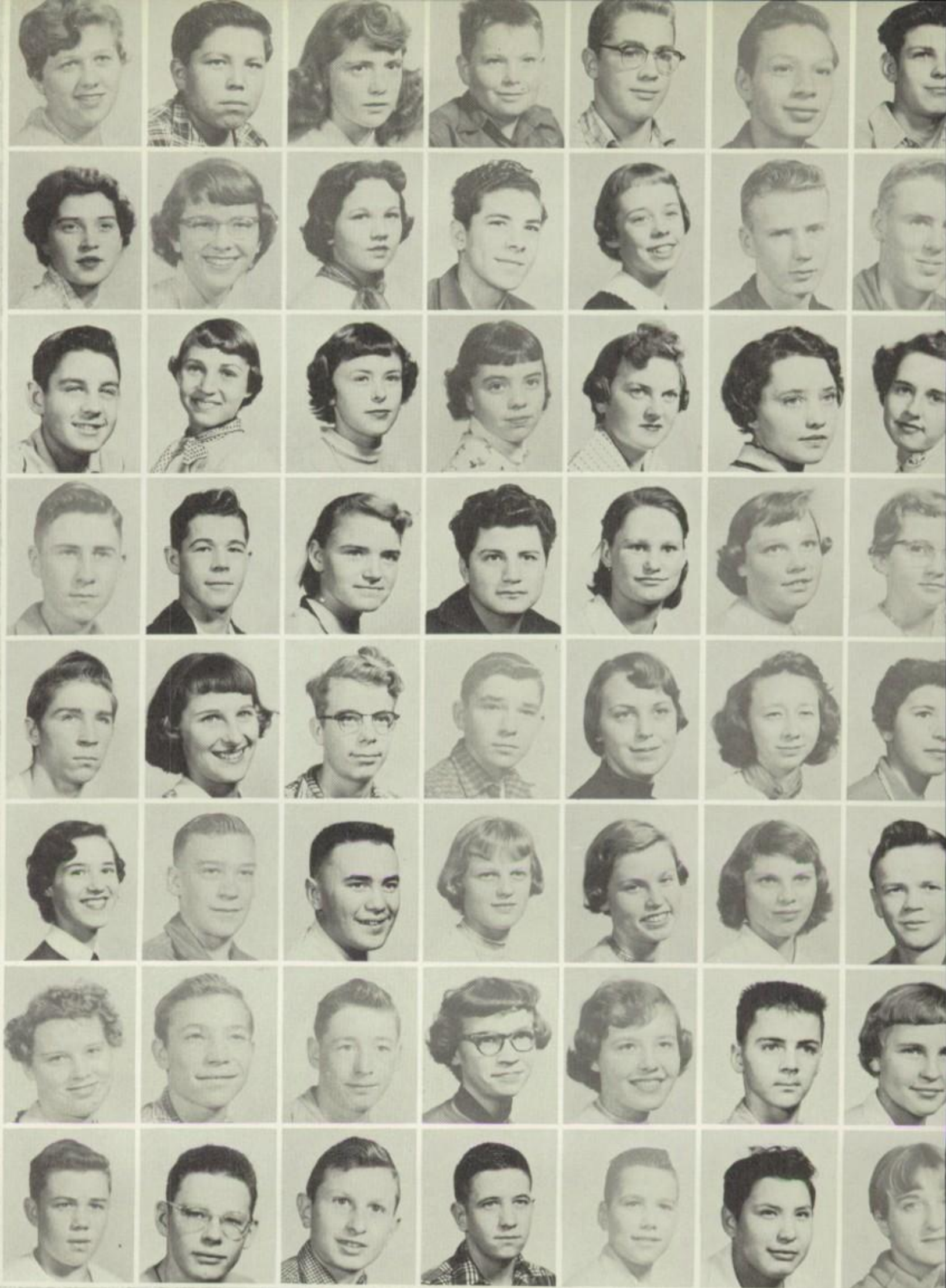
Punch for the Frosh

Punch and cookies made by classes of eighth and ninth graders were served in the cafeteria during the evening. Santa Claus handed out favors made by the Boys' Personal Living class and praised the decorations and program.



Frosh officers Geoff Nelson, president; John Frisch, vice president; Lee Davis, secretary, and Joan Westbrook, treasurer, give a toast to the success of the eighth and ninth grade party, a pre-Christmas affair.

Fresh



ROW ONE: Norene Abbey, Charles Alfonzo, Donna Allen, Joe Allen, John Allison, Bob Bailey, Jerry Baird. ROW TWO: Carol Baker, Kathy Baldwin, Marla Barnes, Martin Bass, Jo Ann Beauchamp, Alan Block, Rudy Block. ROW THREE: Gary Boursaw, Dorothy Brewster, Karen Bronson, Judy Browning, Winifred Burns, Diane Cairns, Donna Cameron. ROW FOUR: Melvin Cameron, Richard Campbell, Vivian Cashen, Lupe Castillo, Mary Chamberlain, Liz Clabuesch, Eunice Coellner. ROW FIVE: Dennis Coffell, Marilyn Cole, Bob Coldwell, Bill Cook, Carol Coppens, Jane Counterman, Lucy Cruz. ROW SIX: Elinor Cutler, Gary Dangler, Lee Davis, Norma Davis, Marilyn Dawson, Dawn Derwiler, Vernon Dingman. ROW SEVEN: Loretta Donald, Al Dowell, Bob Downing, Ethel Ducommon, Linda Eber, Robert Elkins, Iva Emery. ROW EIGHT: Larry Elvin, Stu Evett, Gary Farr, Alva Findley, Mike Fish, Samuel Fisher, Bonnie Foltz.

Fresh



ROW ONE: Connie Freer, John Frisch, Mary Fugate, Don Fuller, Lance Fuller, Jim Funnell, Bonnie Gannon. ROW TWO: Leona Gates, John Getchell, Patsy Getchell, Bob Gilbert, Julie Gorthie, Martha Griffin, Tom Griffin. ROW THREE: Carole Grimm, Donna Guthrie, David Hale, Barbara Hanel, Marion Harless, Sue Harris, Bonnie Harvey. ROW FOUR: Bob Hayward, Mary Lou Hazelton, Tony Heintz, Jeri Hickman, Willie Hinzman, Gary House, Dick Hovey. ROW FIVE: Pat Howe, Dudley Hoyt, Lisle Hunter, Lavonna Hutchins, Click Irvin, Sue Jackson, Gloria Jacobs. ROW SIX: Roberta Jacobs, Jane Jiminez, Sue Joslin, Nancy Kalis, Sue Kelly, John Kennedy, Lee Kennett. ROW SEVEN: Kay Knight, Connie Kreiner, Betty Kullman, Bernard Lamoreaux, Jack Lampman, Judy Landon, Jo Lennox. ROW EIGHT: Cathy Lezan, Pat Little, Jo Ann Livingston, Dale Long, Bob Lovejoy, Larry Lumbert, Janet Lynch.

Fresh



ROW ONE: Sandy Lyons, Bob MacArthur, Marilyn MacGregor, Peg McBride, Martha McCament, Ray McDonald, Peg McNemey. ROW TWO: Kenny McWilliams, Dick Machuta, Jerry Malish, Eva Marks, Allan Marshall, Bonnie Martin, Dick Martin. ROW THREE: Marilyn Martin, Glenda Merrill, Sharon Metcalf, Joyce Miller, Vin Miller, Doris Mills, Jim Morford. ROW FOUR: Larry Morgenstern, Murray Morrison, Carolyn Myers, Maxine Myers, Les Nall, Ilene Neff, Geoff Nelson. ROW FIVE: Nina Offill, Russ Otterbine, Marilyn Palmer, Rita Palmer, Virginia Pearsall, Phil Peters, William Peters. ROW SIX: Henry Pety, Shirley Phillips, Sandra Power, Herbert Praay, Stan Renner, Don Richards, Mary Lou Rodriguez. ROW SEVEN: Cora Ruegsegger, Paula Sagamall, Judy Sargent, Shirley Sawade, Virginia Sawade, Mary Schade, Evelyn Schimantowski. ROW EIGHT: Gary Schmidt, Evert Sheldon, Jacklyn Shoe, Eugene Sickels, George Smith, Larry Smith, Tom Smith.



Fresh

ROW ONE: Sue Sponseller, Duane Stahl, Mary Stewart, Larry Stinson, Margaret Sweeney, Leon Switzer, Linda Switzer. ROW TWO: Helen Thering, Roger Trevisiol, Elouise Torpey, Chum Utterback, Milan Van Orden, Eddy Walker, Ron Watson. ROW THREE: Pat Weaver, Nancy Wender, Joan Westbrook, Dick Wiley, Dick Williams, Mary Wilson, Leon Wiltse. ROW FOUR: Marlene Winters, Ruth Ann Wixson, Kennylou Wold, Winston Wood, Eddie Wright, Marvin Young, Lavonna Hutchins.

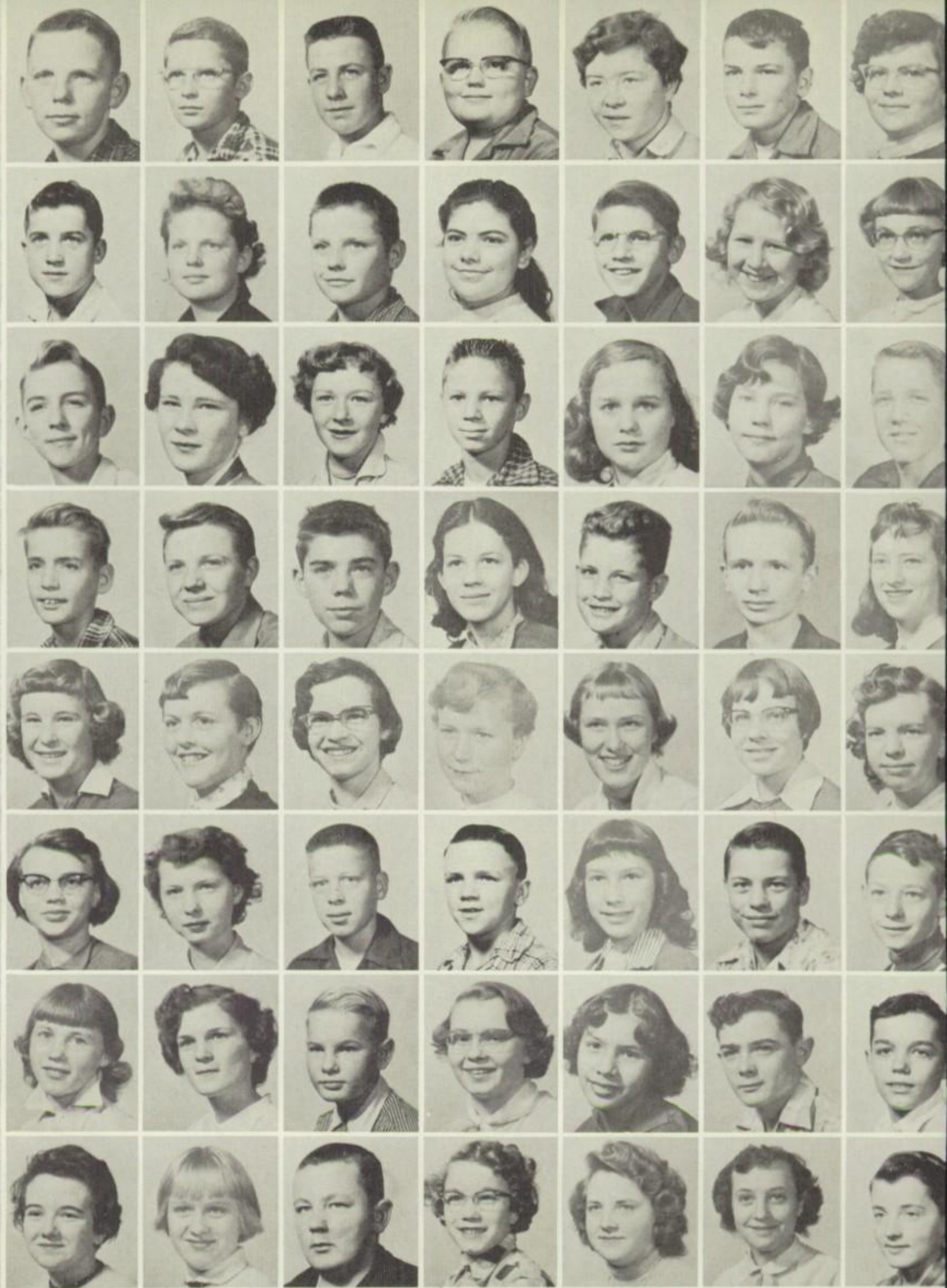
Eighth Graders Enjoy Parade and Party



Eighth graders made a hit with their elaborate homecoming float, a crepe paper design featuring an outline of the State of Michigan. Later they greeted Santa Claus at the eighth and ninth grade party. Pictured with the old gent are President Caroline Merrill, Vice President Betty Bowers, Secretary Hope Conway, and Treasurer Roger Rahl.



Eighth



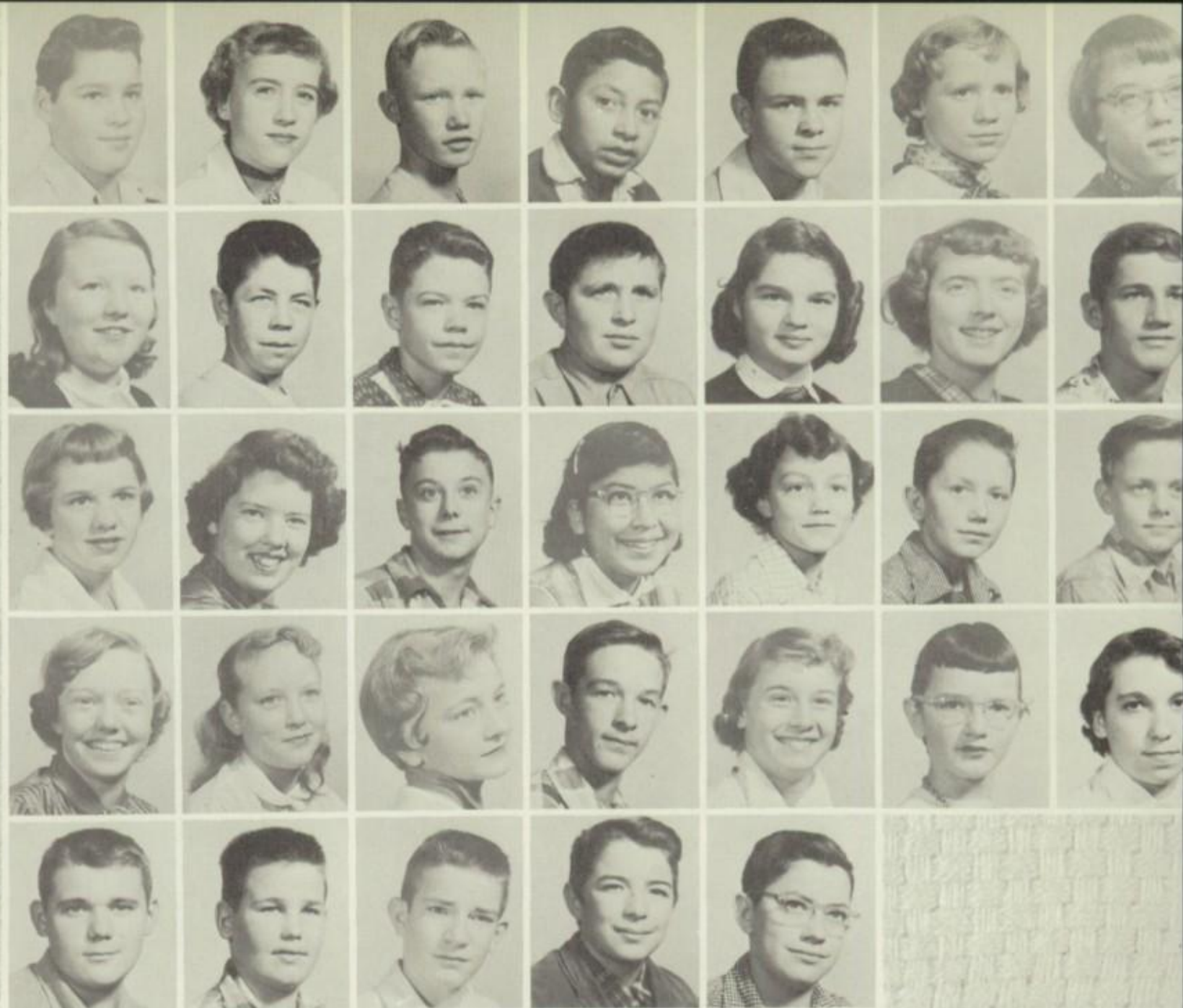
ROW ONE: Trudy Adams, Bob Allen, Cathy Allen, Roger Anderson, Steve Anderson, Don Anthony, Lloyd Atkinson. ROW TWO: Mary Ann Backus, Ruth Ann Bailey, Tom Baily, Juleen Bass, Francis Bell, Karyl Bennett, Eddie Bissett. ROW THREE: Jim Blizzard, Betty Bowers, Anita Brenner, Jack Brewster, Janice Brien, Shirley Brown, Ron Bucher. ROW FOUR: Sharon Buckley, Robert Calkins, Billey Carney, Sylvia Carson, Lenny Cashen, Mike Claus, Bud Coldwell. ROW FIVE: Sharren Coldwell, Ruth Ann Collins, Hope Conaway, Lela Cook, Nancy Coon, Sandra Dale, Barbara Darling. ROW SIX: Ray Davis, Francis Deming, Bonnie Denton, Mickey Dingman, Jim Duddles, Eva Eamest, Lavona Eaton. ROW SEVEN: Martin Elliot, Buddy Emery, Ida Emery, Marsha Fair, Robert Fairchild, Margarete Feathers, Marlene Field. ROW EIGHT: Eric Filson, Barbara Findley, Betty Fitchett, Dorothy Foreman, Lyle Ford, Reva Gannon, Wilma Gannon.

Eighth



ROW ONE: Ken Gerhardt, June Gibson, Terry Gill, Janet Glass, Norma Gregg, Doug Hansen, Joan Harless. ROW TWO: Garey Harvey, Mary Lou Heintz, Sharon Horton, Sandra Hostutler, Roger Hughes, Helen Jackson, Beth Johnson. ROW THREE: Robert Johnson, Kay Jones, Loraine Kahl, Donna Kegg, Gene Kemp, Tom Kirkconnell, Peter Knapp. ROW FOUR: Ben Knipe, Kay Krapohl, Ace Kraus, Kay Laidley, Sharon Lentz, Freddie Lickert, Tony Lopez. ROW FIVE: Madelon Lorentson, Pat Lovejoy, Leroy Lower, Mike Lynch, Bob McAlester, Gerald McDonald, Kenneth McQueen. ROW SIX: Mary Mahon, Barbara Merrifield, Caroline Merrill, Sue Middlesworth, Don Miller, Carolyn Moore, Gary Moose. ROW SEVEN: Rachel Moreno, Gayle Mortensen, Mary Moss, Peter Moutsatson, Connie Mullett, Bob Mumford, Ronnie Mummy. ROW EIGHT: Advema Nolan, Bob Onstott, Danny Opdycke, Dixie Opdycke, Gary Packer, John Palmer, Dan Paullin.

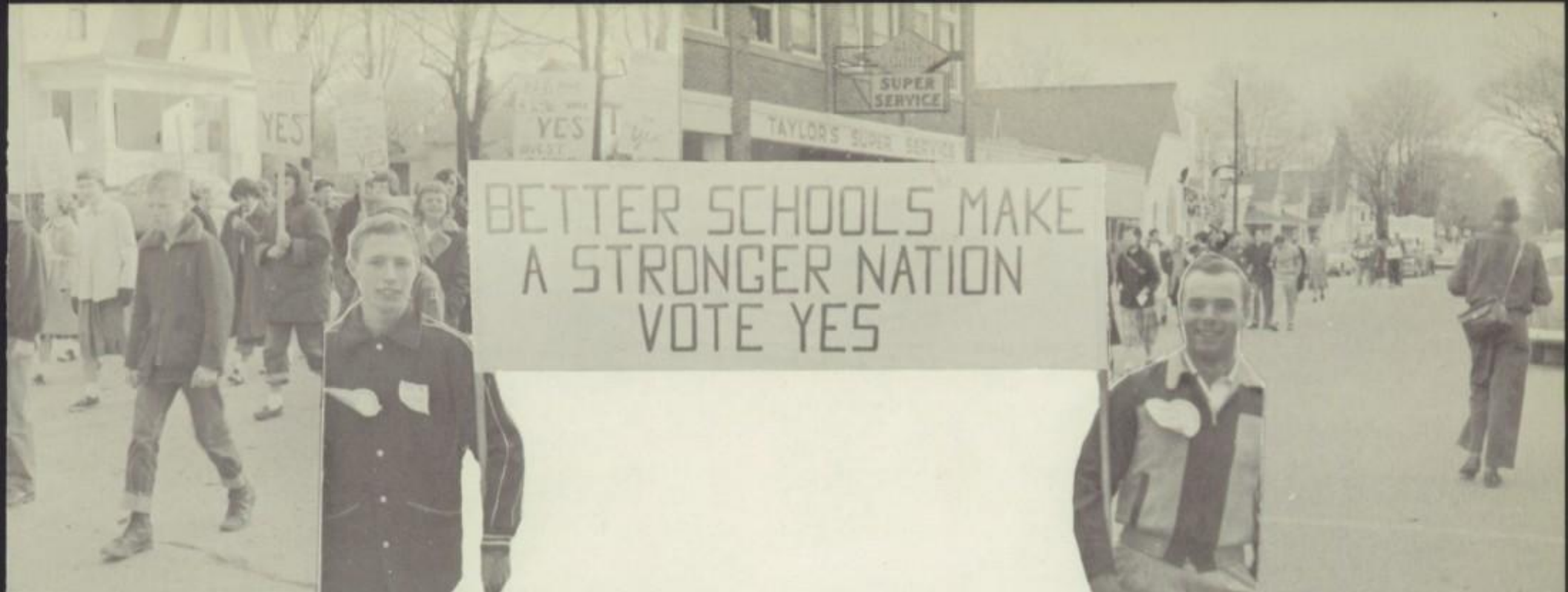
Eighth



ROW ONE: David Peterson, Wilma Prescott, Ricky Price, Roy Quezada, Roger Rahl, Diana Rich, Judy Robison. ROW TWO: Beulah Ruegsegger, Roger Sheets, Alex Sleight, Marion Smith, Polly Joy Smith, Judy Snyder, Robert Stahl. ROW THREE: Mary Lou Stevens, Darlene Taylor, Gary Taylor, Sarah Torres, Carol Truhler, John Truhler, Herb Utterback. ROW FOUR: Linda Utterback, Donna Van Horn, Sharla Walton, Carl Weller, Judy Westbrook, Connie Wittekind, Joyce Wood. ROW FIVE: Robert Wood, Tom Woodruff, Jim Yost, Jack Young, Elton Bellinger.



High school's fun, these eighth grade homemaking girls decide as they model clothes designed and created in class. It's fun, too, to join the audience and watch the others.



BETTER SCHOOLS MAKE A STRONGER NATION VOTE YES

One of the most controversial issues in modern Mt. Pleasant times ended Nov. 23, 1954, as the city's citizens voted to erect a new high school. In four previous attempts, the proposal was defeated at the polls. The fifth ballot carried by a surprisingly decisive 2-1 margin. Out of 2348 votes cast, 1513 were for the new school. Negatives numbered 835.

The new school is being built on the southwest site, which received 1447 of the votes cast for the building's location. Bonds secured in the amount of \$1,500,000 will probably be paid off in 14 years.

In campaigning for the school, civic groups openly gave support. Full page ads listing hundreds of boosters were run in the Daily Times-News by the businessmen of Mt. Pleasant. A number of articles entitled "Your Schools" were also run. A film strip, "So Many Children", showing actual classroom conditions in the city's schools pointed out the real need for more space.

Even the students got in on the act. The day before the clinching vote, a parade consisting of the high school band, college band, and floats made by high school students made its way through downtown Mt. Pleasant. Marching high school and elementary students carried posters urging a "Yes" vote for better education.

Perhaps one reason why the bond issue was not passed on an earlier ballot was the arguing on the choice of sites. This situation prompted one man to say that "If we haggle over sites, we'll never get a school. We need a new school no matter where it's built."

A victory dance was held at the MPHS gym the night following the fifth ballot. Mr. John Wiley, assistant principal, rang the bell atop the present high school at 10 o'clock in honor of our late principal, L. C. Wendt. Mr. Wendt vowed that he would personally climb up and ring it if we ever got a new school.

So the building that was but a year ago just a dream to students, faculty, and civic-minded citizens, is now rising skyward. The new school . . . a monument to those who fought for it . . . an institution to prepare tomorrow's citizens for tomorrow's world.



Parades, Dances and Game Spark 13th Homecoming

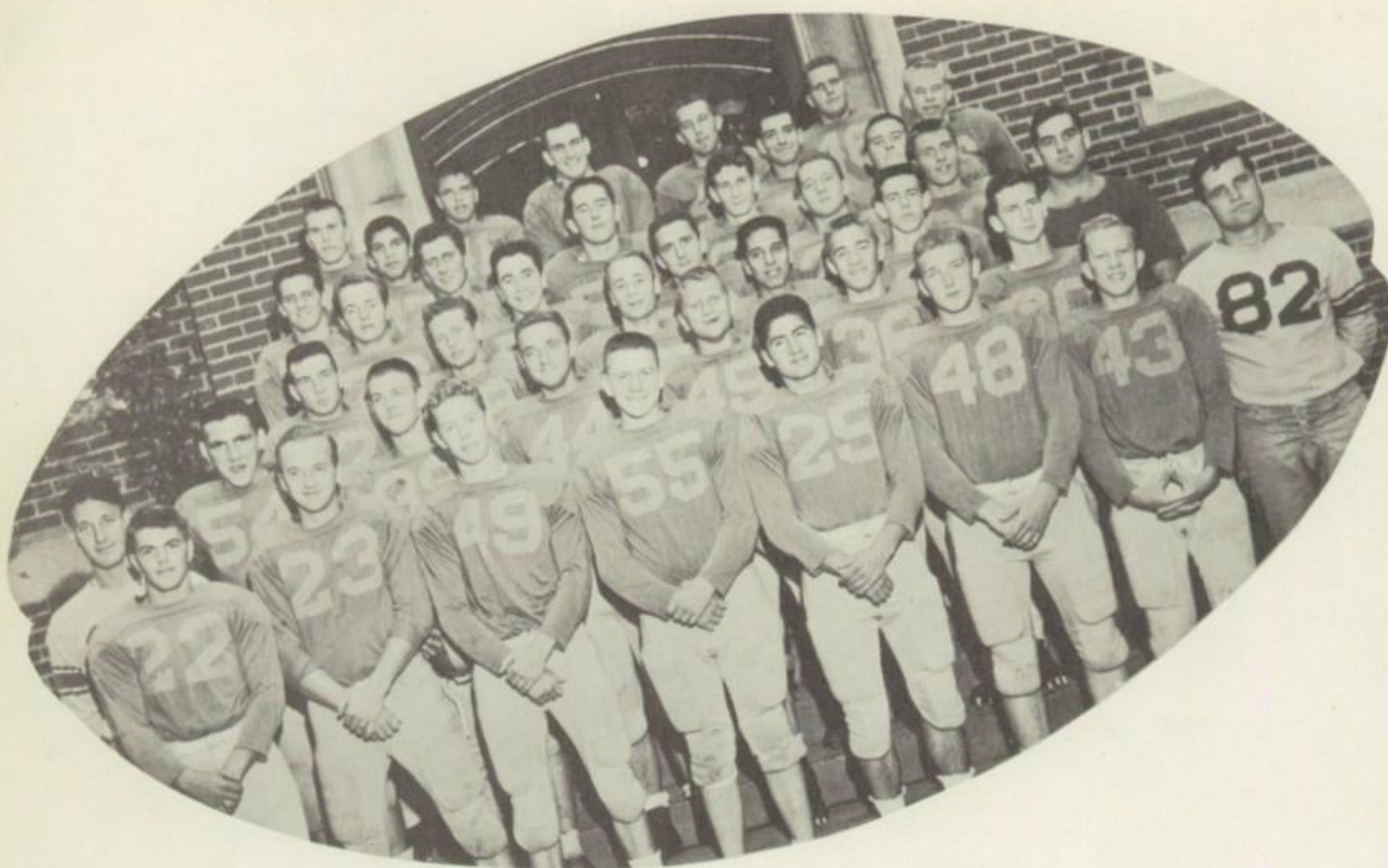


The 13th Annual Homecoming at Mt. Pleasant High School was a glamorous four days of Father and Son Banquet, snake dance, bonfire and pep rally, homecoming parade, thrilling game, and dances. On the night following the Father and Son dinner, a great snake dance was led by MPHS cheerleaders from the high school through the city to Island Park, where a huge bonfire gave a spirit of excitement running throughout the student body and faculty . . . Pat Archey and her court in an array of pastel-colored formals highlighted the parade Friday afternoon. The princesses were Elizabeth Sweeney, junior; Sandra Williams, sophomore; Margaret Sweeney, freshman; and Gayle Mortensen, eighth grader. Constructed by the seniors, their float was a creation made by stuffing thousands of pink, yellow, and white dinner napkins into a chicken wire frame. Leading the procession was the high school band in their new blue and white uniforms . . . The rivalry between MPHS and Alma's Panthers provided excitement for the Homecoming game itself.





Every Man in Every Play . . .



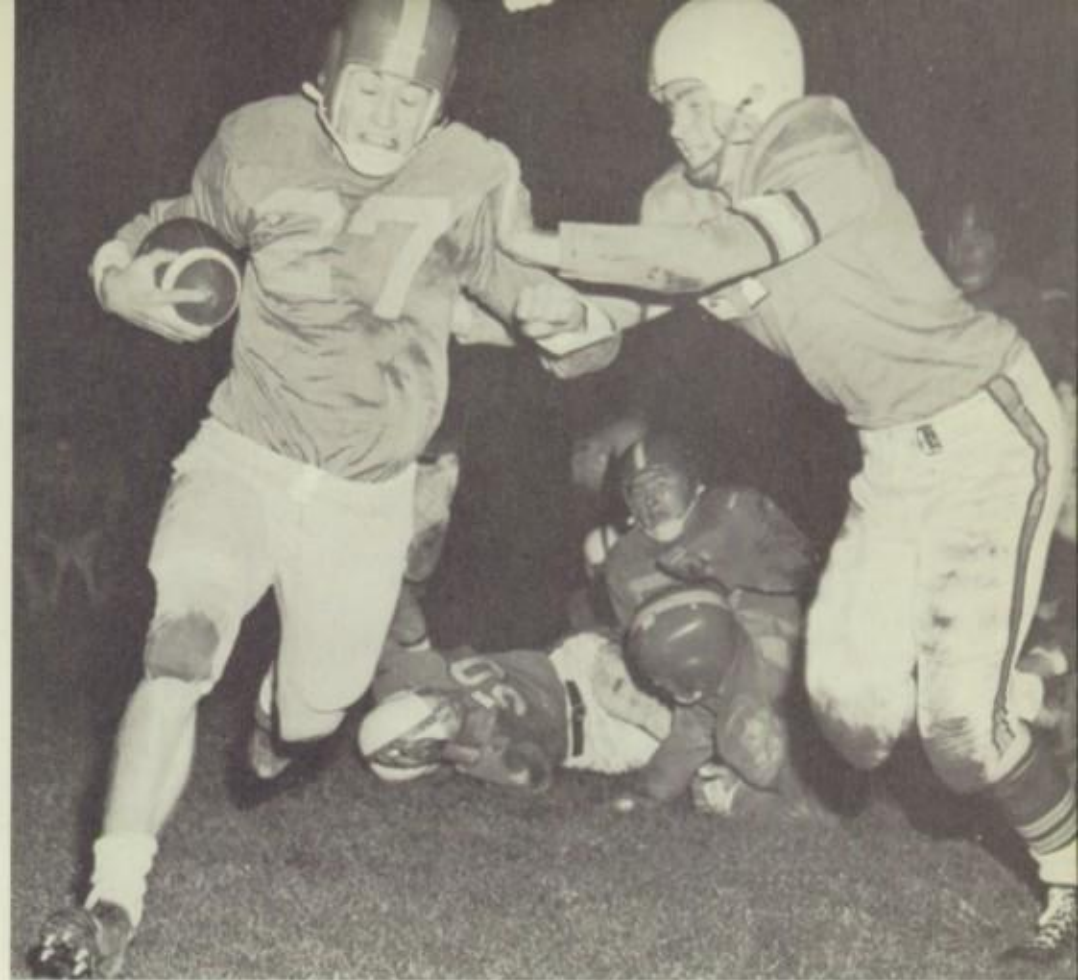
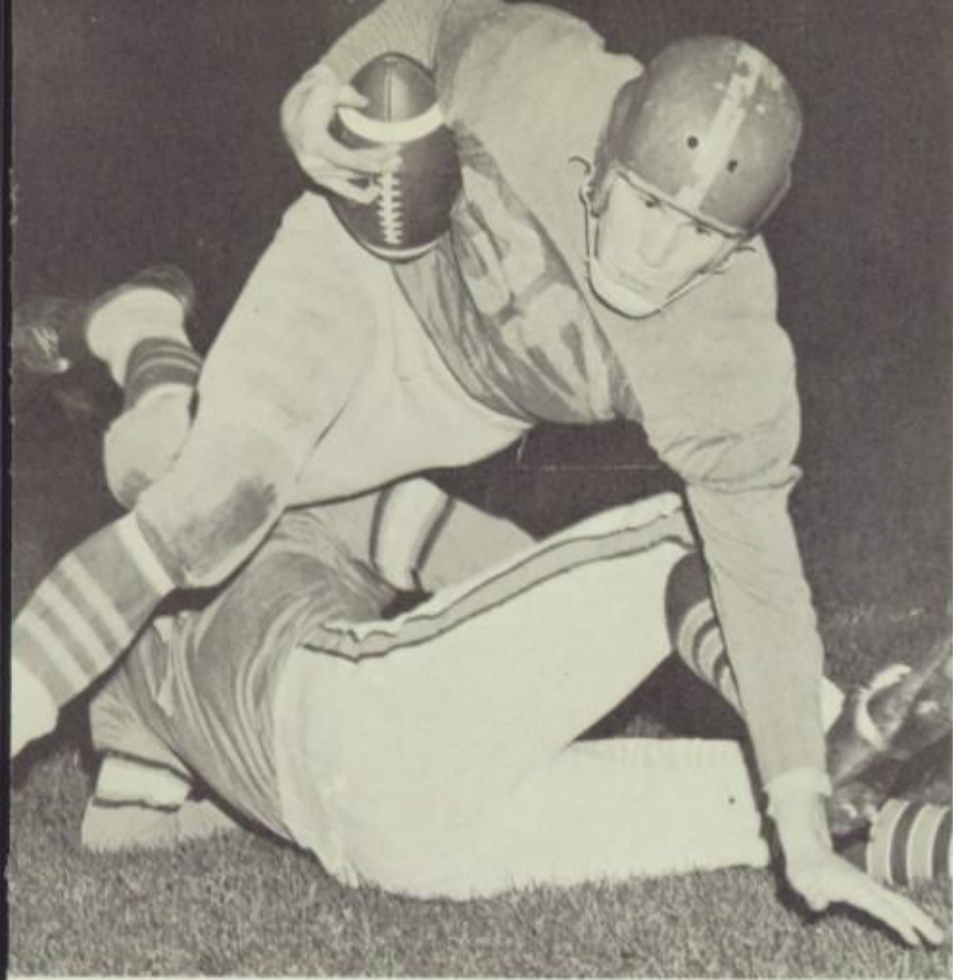
Oilers Tie for Conference Championship

Ending the '53 season as Class B State Champs in football, the '54 Oilers began right where they had left off. With a winning streak of eight straight to improve on, they won six in a row and had a two year record of 14 consecutive victories. Before their letdown, they had held the top spot in virtually all the ratings. Despite their two losses at the closing of the season, the Oilers were still able to roll up 165 points compared to their opponents' 40. Proof of their defensive power is shown by the scores of the other teams as Mt. Pleasant held them to an average of five points a game.

Along with some of the misery of the '54 season there were also many highlights. One of the brightest moments for the Oilers was the East Lansing game when Bud Foltz returned the second-half kickoff 74 yards for the Oilers' second TD of the evening. Another time at Cadillac it was Foltz again, this time with an intercepted pass good for an 80 yard six pointer. The Ludington game also proved to have some thrills. This was the game when junior halfback Terry Hammond scored three TD's, one of which came on an exciting 75 yard run. Although there weren't any terrifically long runs for the Oilers in the Big Rapids game, it was thrill after thrill, mostly supplied by Roger Frayre's consistent gains on end sweeps.

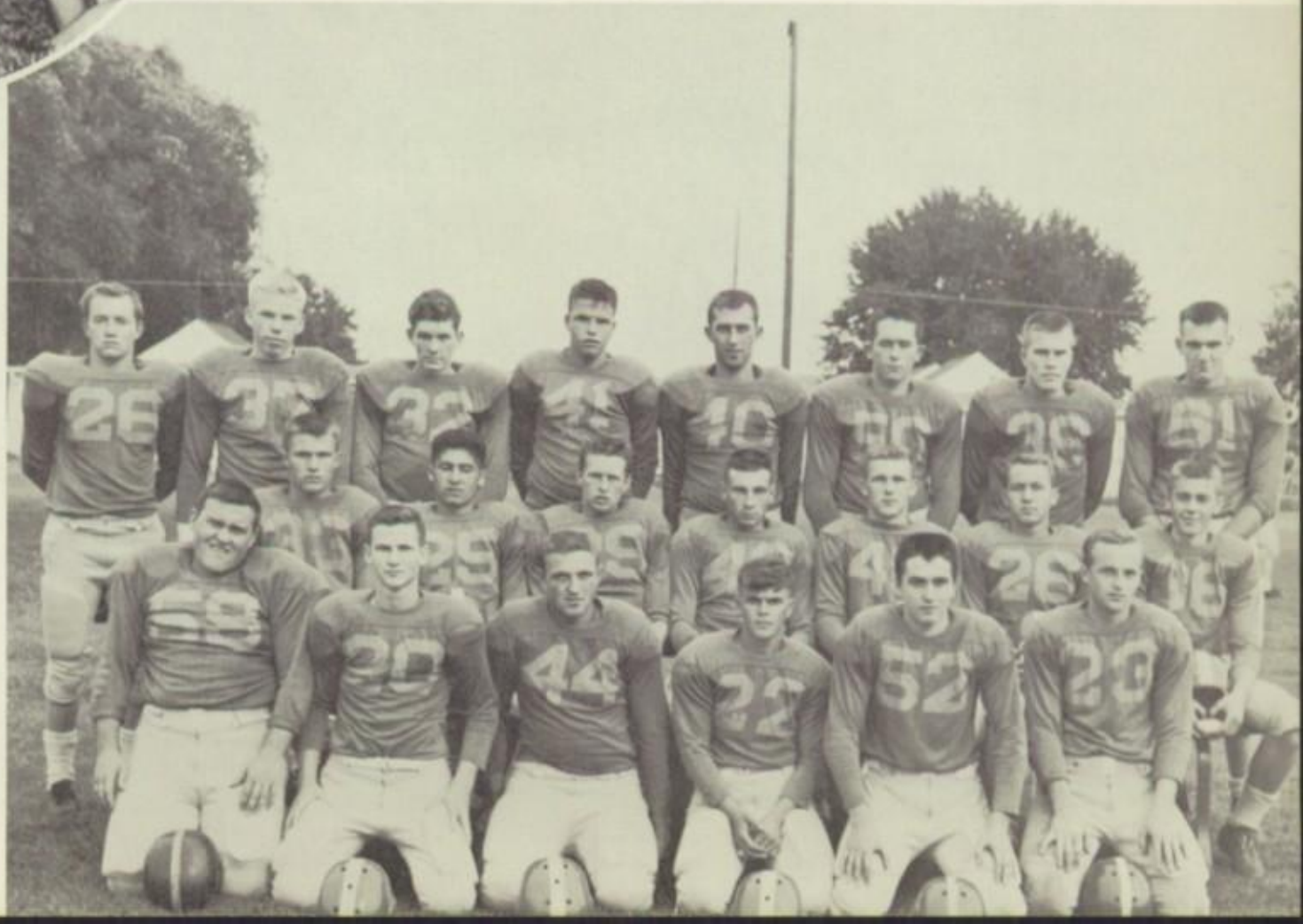
There were bad memories connected with the '54 season, the worst being the loss of ace quarterback Jerry Wiley because of a knee injury. Also unforgettable is the Saginaw St. Andrew's game when the Figgmen lost five of five fumbles.

Despite their league loss to Manistee, the Oilers were still able to tie for first in the conference. Along with this honor, four individuals were placed on the All-Conference first team. These were guard Ted Foley, center Butch Thorpe, fullback Mike Sweeney, and tackle Dave Randolph. Guard Wesley Welsh and Bill Finch were named to the second team. Sweeney and Thorpe were also named to numerous All-State teams, and Foley and Randolph received honorable mention.



MPHS	27
MPHS	25
MPHS	41
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MPHS	26
MPHS	13
MPHS	6
MPHS	0

East Lansing	0
Bay City St. Joseph's	0
Ludington	7
Cadillac	0
Alma	6
Big Rapids	6
Saginaw St. Andrew's	14
Manistee	7

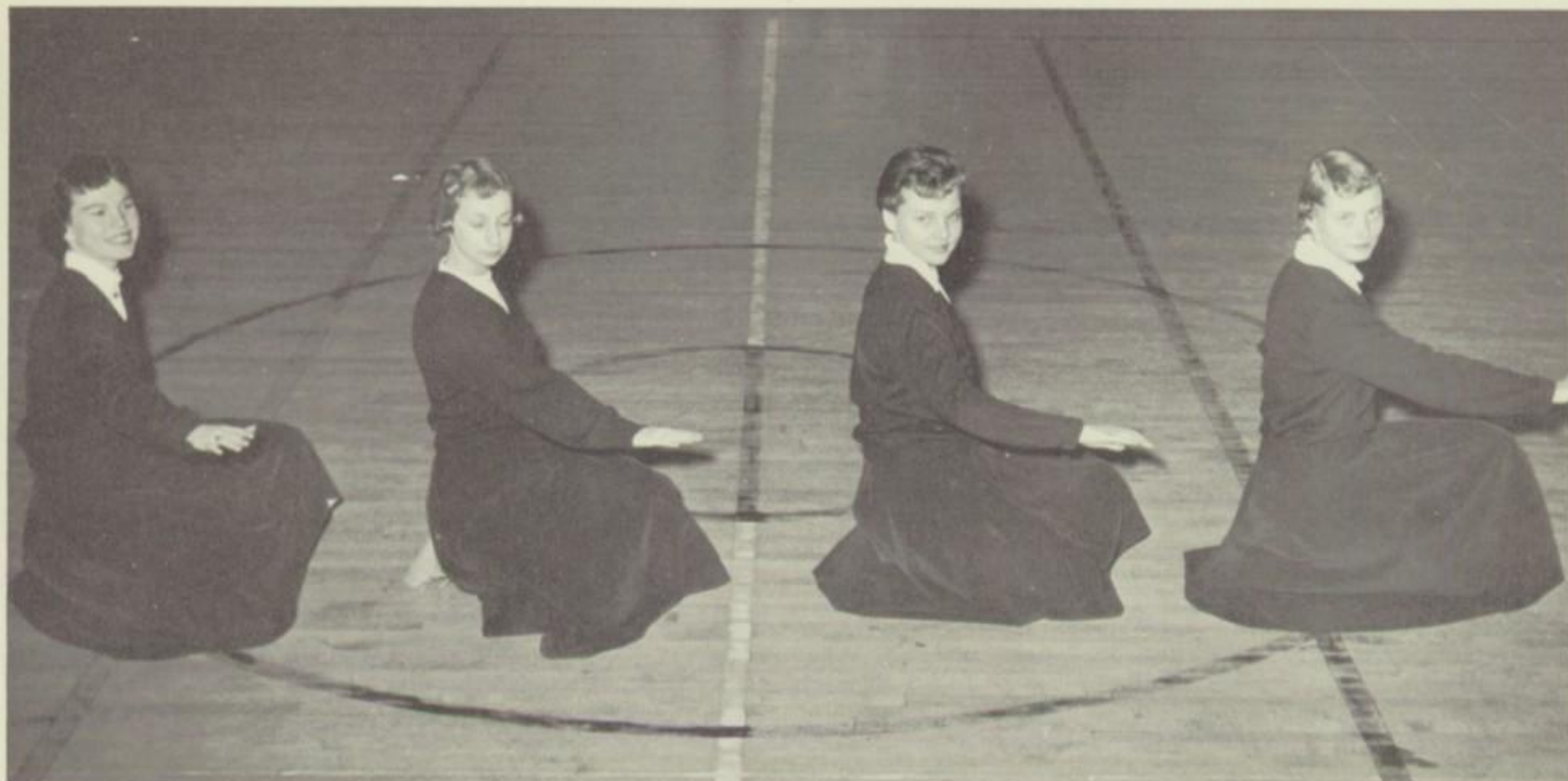




Under the watchful eye of Coach Fred Goodell, the Wildcats compiled an impressive record of 4 wins and 2 losses. Both of the defeats came from Class A teams Midland and Bay City Handy. The Cats, whose home site is Fancher Field, were handicapped by their lack of size. The line was where size was lacking and they had to depend on their speed and aggressiveness. The backs who were Phil Harris, Jack Long, and Ray Kullman were also very fast and should bolster the varsity backfield next year.



A real coming team. That is the freshman squad, coached by Tom Dezelsky. This year they compiled the best freshman record in the school history, racking up a perfect record of 6 wins. The squad should boast many more wins before their graduation. They have the size and speed for a highly respected team. With such standout players as linemen Click Ervin and Eddie Walker along with a backfield of Hank Pety, Bob Lovejoy, Geoff Nelson and Larry Stinson they are a team that should gather in many more victories in the future.



The Wildcat cheerleaders were behind their team one hundred per cent this year. They are (left to right) Nancy Woodruff, Jean Foust, Carol White, and Barb Ward. These four kept the fans together supporting their Wildcat gridders at Fancher field and their junior varsity basketball squad at their home games in the field-house. They were smartly outfitted in navy corduroy skirts with navy and gold varsity sweaters. The Wildcat cheerleading squad was developing for varsity just as their team was.



The '55 cross country team finished out the season as they placed twelfth in the State meet. Although it was not a particularly high finish, the team had only one senior and the chances for improvement next year are good.

In the conference meet, Coach Calvin Miller's boys placed second and in the regional meet they also took runner-up honors. In both meets it was Alma whom they trailed.

Pacing this year's squad was senior Loren Eldred who took first place in the regional and conference and placed seventh at the State meet.

Oilers Gain Runner-Up Spot in N C M Conference And Move to Quarter-Finals in State Tournaments

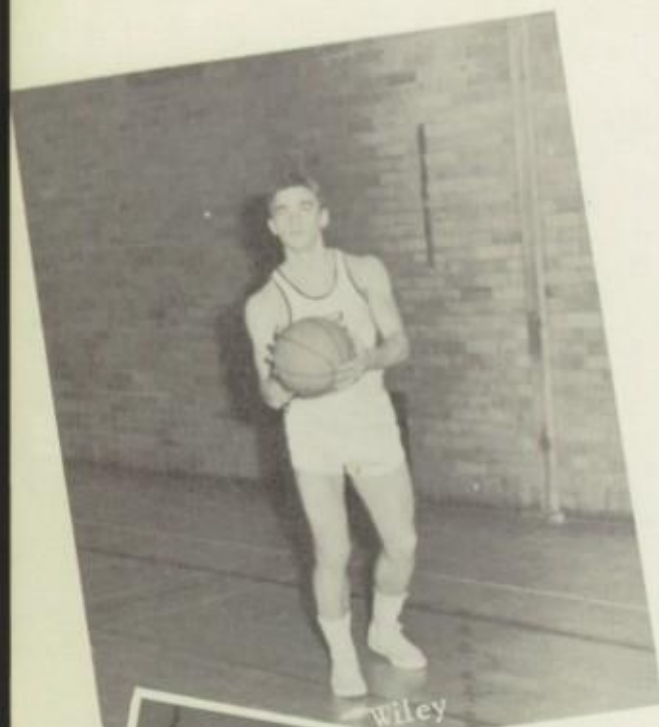
Basketball

For the second straight year the Oiler cagers managed to lose only three games during the entire season. In conference competition it was the same old story with the local squad again runner-up to Ludington. In regular season play the Oilers' only two defeats came at the hands of the Ludington Orioles.

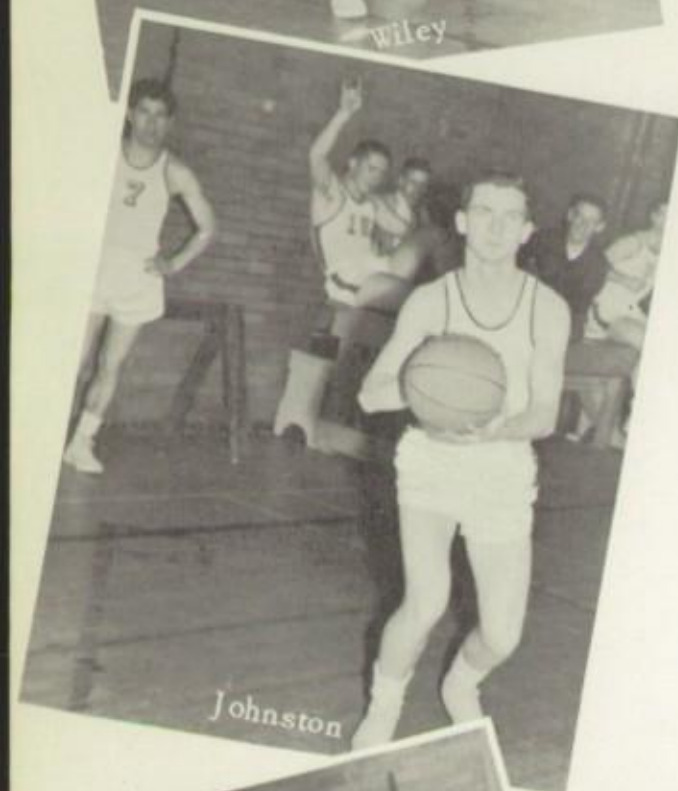
In tournaments the Oilers really went on the rampage. They defeated Big Rapids in the District Finals and eliminated a powerful West Branch five in the Regional Finals. This game was probably the highlight of the season as the Oilers ran completely over the West Branch five who had seen only one previous defeat during the season.

In the quarterfinals the problem of not hitting proved fatal and the Oilers were eliminated by the powerful Negaunee squad.

Individual honors were bestowed upon Bud Foltz, Jerry Wiley, and Mike Sweeney as all three were named to the All-Conference squad. Sweeney was also named on one of the Detroit Free Press All-State teams.



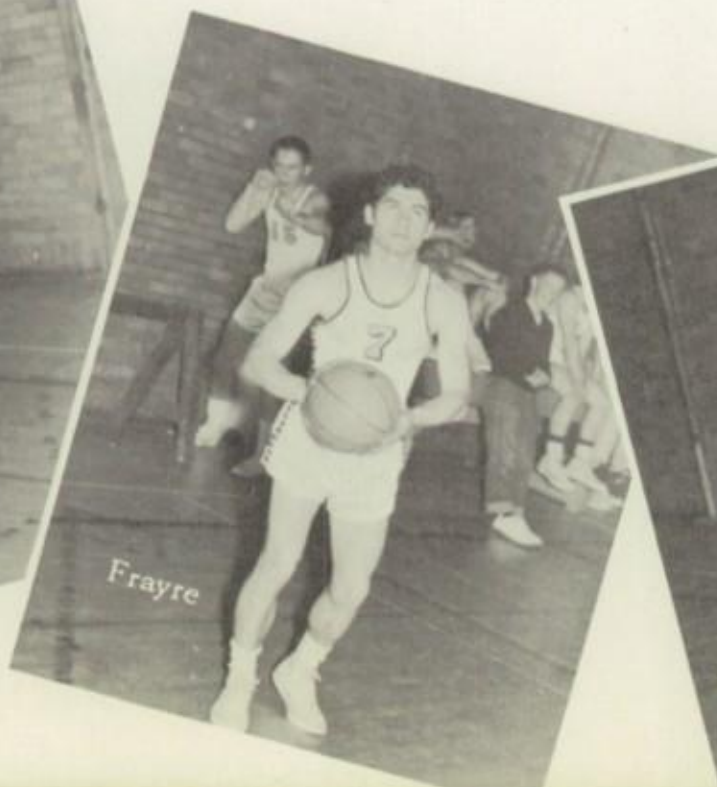
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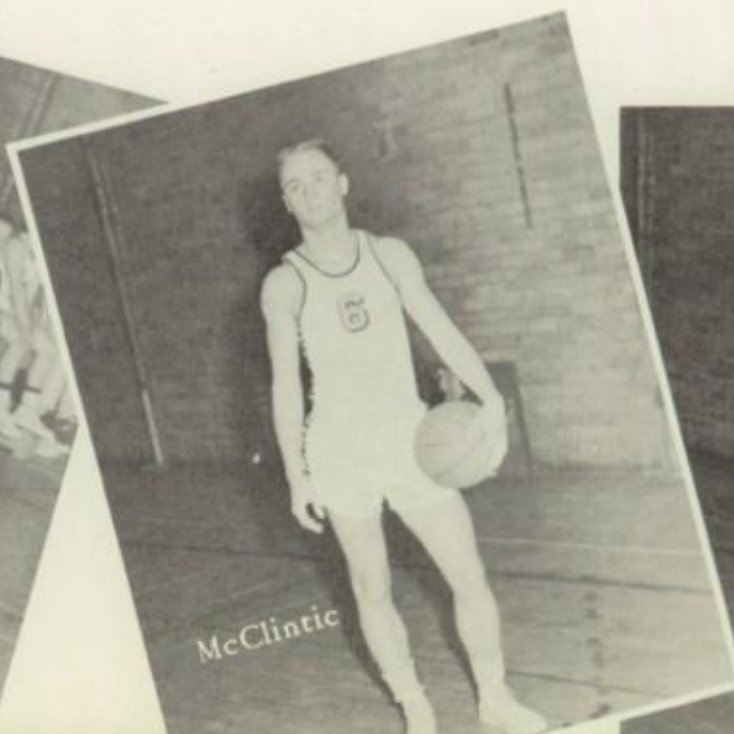
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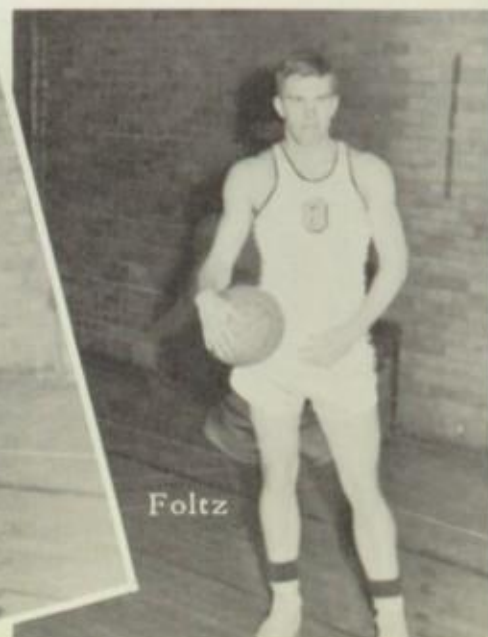
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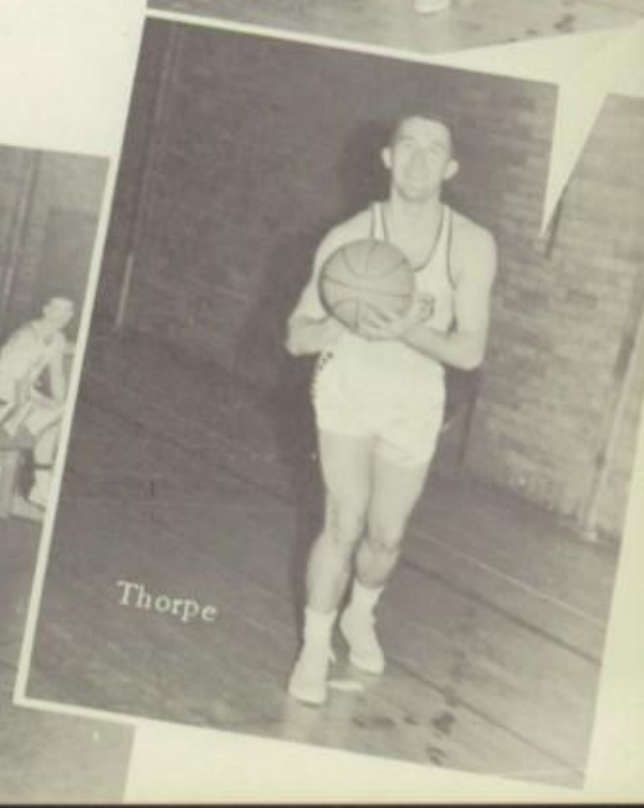
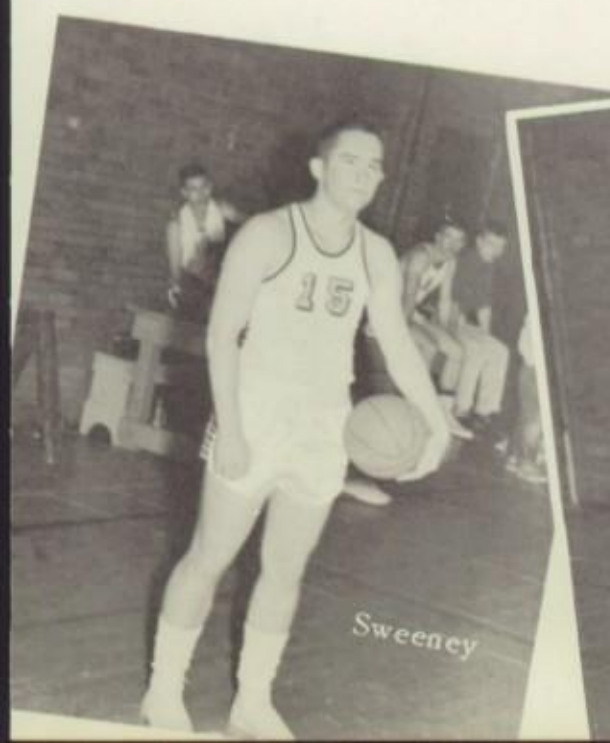
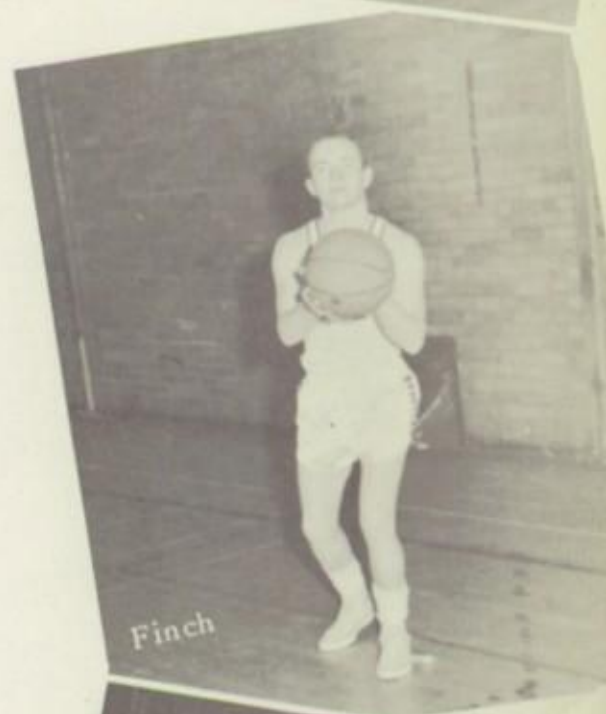
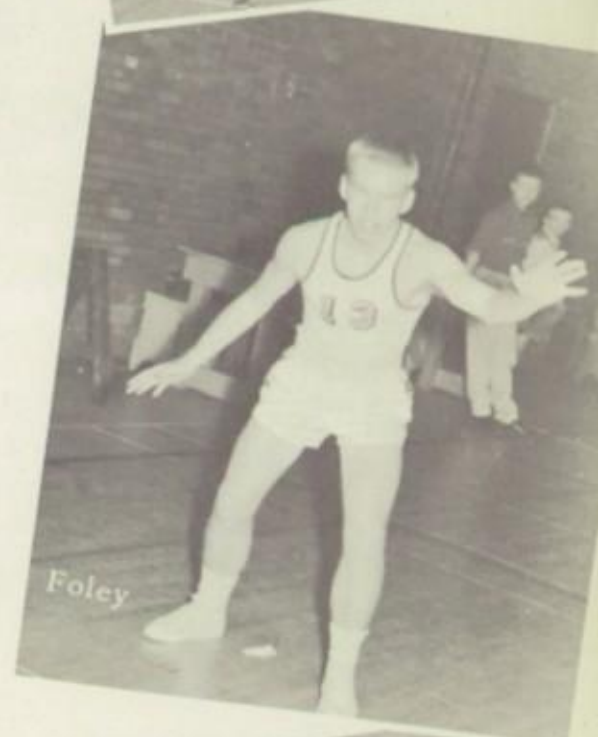
Foltz



Wiley



MPHS	OPPONENTS	
67	St. Johns	40
58	Alma	49
56	Cadillac	45
73	Cass City	49
61	Manistee	33
67	Big Rapids	49
45	Ludington	63
71	Clare	51
61	Cadillac	45
66	Alma	48
	Mt. Clemens	
70	St. Mary's	43
68	Manistee	54
69	Ionia	50
61	Big Rapids	59
66	St. Johns	63
61	Ludington	75
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT		
59	Clare	51
60	Big Rapids	52
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT		
79	Petoskey	71
82	West Branch	50
QUARTERFINALS		
46	Negaunee	64



Varsity Material On the Way Up

Great things are expected in future years from Coach Figg's '54-55 freshman basketball team.

In an unprecedented move, the Wildkitten's complete starting five composed of forwards Larry Stinson and Jerry Hickman, center Willie Hinzman, and guards Hank Pety and Eddie Walker were moved up to the second team at midseason. These five boys led the frosh cagers down a path of nine straight victories paved by lopsided scores before their promotion. After they left, the remaining cagers split in their final four games, losing two by close margins to hang up an impressive 11-wins and 2-losses mark for the season.

Coach Figg points with pride to the fact that every player on his 16 man squad saw action in every game.

In January three strings of frosh beat Clare into submission, setting a school scoring record at Pullen gym. Final score: Mt. Pleasant 85 - Clare 27.

Working together for the first time in their beginning careers as basketball men at MPHS, the eighth graders won all six of their games with out-of-town opponents.

Champions of the Big Rapids Tournament and finishing second in the City eighth grade league played on Saturdays, Coach Al Drath's team should provide strength in coming years for Mt. Pleasant.



Performing before the varsity basketball games, the Mt. Pleasant Wildcat squad failed to break even, which was sort of a rarity.

Posting 7 wins and 9 defeats, Coach Lornie Kerr's J.V.'s gained experience for the future, when they will carry the Oiler colors into battle on the hardwood court.

Victory Was Shared By All



Dick Wood's noonhour basketball team raced through the regular season and post season tournament undefeated, except for two exhibition losses to the faculty, on their way to the noon-hour championship.

An all-star team picked from the remaining five teams in the league edged Wood's squad 24-22 in the All-Star game which attracted wide student interest.

Wood's team placed two men on the All-Noon Hour basketball team: Bill Epple and Dick Wood. Other players making the honor squad were Dan Buckley, Phil Chipman and Paul Heydenburg.

The six-team league was made up of Mayberry's team, Chipman's team, Stahl's team, McFarlane's team, Randolph's team, and the champs, Wood's team. Squads this year had only the name of their team captains for titles.

Varsity cagers Bud Foltz and Butch Thorpe refereed all noon hour contests. Attendance at most noon hour games was low as spectators watched from the balcony overlooking the gym.



Coaches pictured with some of their recently won trophies are, from left to right; Bobb Wardrop, athletic director, basketball and golf; Bill Figg, head football, freshman basketball, and reserve baseball; Al Drath, football and assistant track; David Gover, tennis; Cal Miller, cross country, and Fred Goodell, reserve football and track. Missing when the picture was taken was Lornie Kerr, football, reserve basketball, and baseball.

Spring Teams Win NCM Crowns

For Coach Fred Goodell's thinclads the '55 season was very profitable. Starting with a win in the big indoor meet they went on to win all their dual meets and sweep the conference and regional.

Led by Dave Myers, state 220 champion, and hurdler Jerry Wiley, they captured fourth place at the state meet.

Besides the team's fine overall showing they accounted for the breaking of four school records. Myers broke the 440 record, tied the century mark, and ran anchor on the record-breaking 880 relay team. Jerry Wiley also cracked the low hurdle record.





The '55 tennis team was more deserving than its record of six wins and five losses showed. Behind the coaching of Dave Gover, the Oilers won the conference championship for the first time. They had champs in both the singles - Chuck Scribner - and doubles - Mike Sweeney and Roger Frayre.

In the regional the racketmen wound up second behind a powerful East Lansing group. Sweeney and Scribner were regional doubles champs and went to the state semi-finals. This fine showing enabled the team to tie for an overall fourth at state.

Graduation saw Coach Gover's top three leave.



Oiler golfers stroked their way through the '55 season with the best record of any MPHS golf team, winning nine of ten dual meets against one loss to strong "A" Midland.

Led by Tom Horton with an 80 and Gene McAlester with 78, they took runners-up honors in the regional meet May 14 at the local club. A long-hitting sophomore, Mac claimed medalist honors.

The following Saturday at Kalamazoo, Coach Bobb Wardrop's shotmakers stumbled to a disappointing tenth in the state championship. They did hold together to win the conference meet at Manistee. Scores soared as the golfers battled the tremendous wind off Lake Michigan.

During the season two rounds of 76 by McAlester and Horton set new school records.



We Strive Hard Together

Adding pep to MPHS sports activities are the varsity cheerleaders and the Varsity Club.

Cheering their team on to victory although many times they doubted if the weather would permit, the cheerleaders went to every game of the season.

The six girls were Donna White and Connie Erler, seniors; Dee Ann Drallette, Liz Sweeney, and Sue Morrow, juniors, and Sharon Merrill, sophomore.



Senior letter winners leaving MPHS are, from left to right: Loren Eldred, Paul Rodriguez, Dave Myers, Bob Updegraff, Mike Woods, Dave Randolph, Bill Finch, Harley Ayris, Jerry Childs, Dick Wood, Paul Schade, Jerry Wiley, Don Lovejoy, Roger Frayre, Milton Marks.

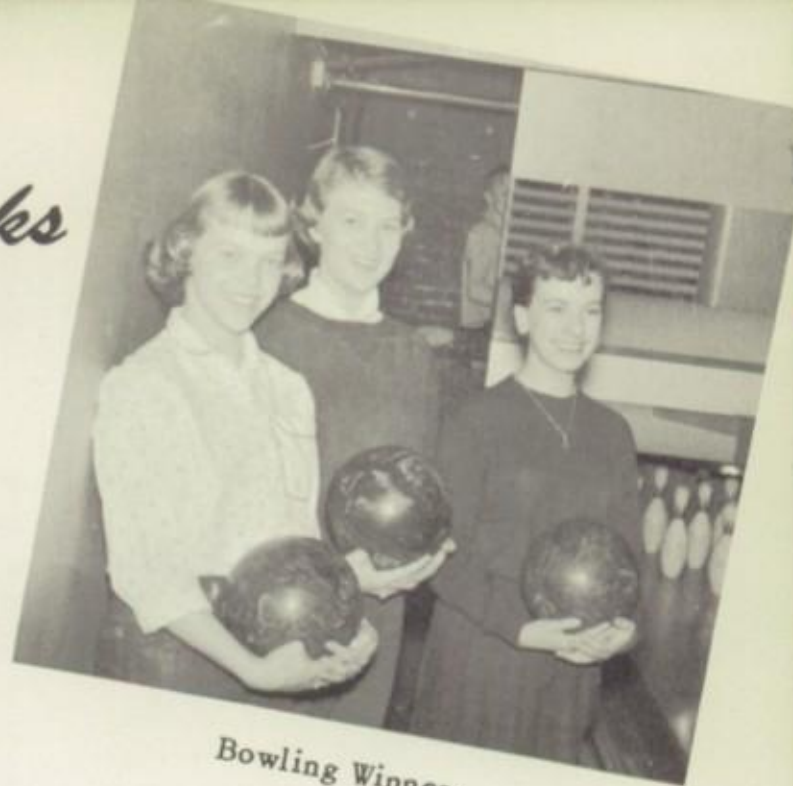
Returning lettermen are, left to right: Bob Bugbee, Don Moose, Frank Marcus, Brian Bronson, Dan Cruz, Murray Schoen, Mike McClintic, Tony Heintz, Terry Hammond, Doug Evett, Skip Thorpe, Larry Anderson, Gene McAlester, and Athletic Director Bobb Wardrop.





Basketball Champs

G.A.A. Marks Up Fine Record In Sports



Bowling Winners



A very active club this year, the Girls' Athletic Association has had two intramural playdays, one at Midland and one at the Central Michigan College Fieldhouse. The club has played basketball, speedball, volleyball, and softball, and they have bowled at the Chippewa Bowling Lanes. The club officers were: President, Markeith Moses; Vice President, Liz Sweeney; Treasurer, LaFern Lucas, and Secretary, Betty Elkins. The club adviser was Miss Vera Williams.



Girls Noonhour
Basketball Champs



Tops in Volleyball

Baseball Team Wins Invitational Tournament

The Mt. Pleasant Oilers again this year showed diamond strength through the area with a 12-2 tally.

Coach Lornie Kerr's men dropped games only to Midland and Big Rapids.

Winners of their own invitational tournament, Mt. Pleasant knocked off West Branch and Gladwin to reach the finals and defeat Bay City St. Stan's.

Kerr lost Roger Frayre, Bud Foltz, Bill Finch, Butch Thorpe, Dave Hole, Wesley Welsh, and Harley Ayris through graduation.



WILLIE EPPLÉ



JOE CASTILLO



WESLEY WELSH



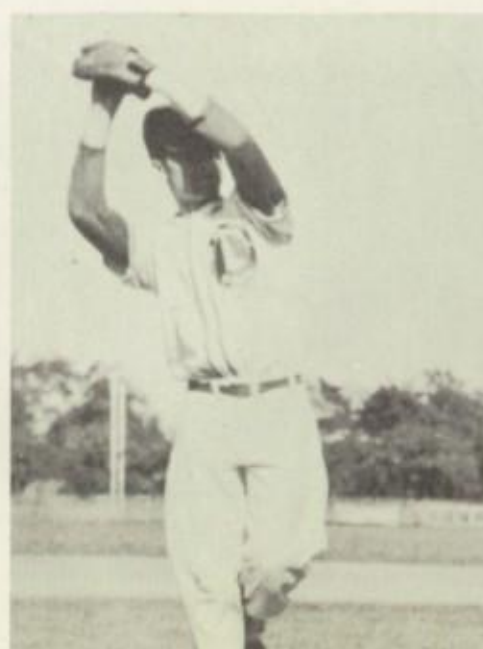
DAVE HOLE



JIM DEMSKI



BILL FINCH



ROGER FRAYRE



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HARLEY AYRIS



JACK LONG



BUD FOLTZ



DICK FATE



MARK EPPLER



RAY KULLMAN



BOB JOHNSON, MGR.



COACH LORNIE KERR

Under the direction of Bill Figg, the '55 Wildcats compiled a record of six wins, five losses. Those players showing the most promise for the Varsity squad next year are Dudley Hoyt, Larry Stinson, Jerry Hickman, Wayne Tyler, Stu Evett, and Dick Wantland.



Reigning over the Mt. Pleasant Invitational were Queen Donna White (center), Connie Erler (left), and Janet Grace.



They Won The Honors At MPHS



BETTY GETCHELL AND DICK WOOD
Cherry Pie Baking Winners



GARY MULLET
Co-Valedictorian



SYLVIA WENDROW
D.A.R. Girl



SYLVIA WENDROW AND
SANDRA HOWARD
Co-Valedictorian and Salutatorian



GAY EDMONDS AND
MRS. FREDDIE SIMONDS
Homemaker of Tomorrow
Award



CONNIE MULLET
March of Dimes Girl



WILLIAM FITZGERALD
"I Speak for Democracy"
Winner



We Sing Our Clubs' Praises . . .

The Student Council, headed by President Sandra Howard, had a full year with selling over 500 activity tickets, their 13th annual homecoming, the assembly program, organizing bus trips to the games, "Up" and "Down" stairways, a plaque for boys who gave their lives in World War II, and other projects.

Lending a hand to President Sandy were Sylvia Wendrow, vice-president; Nancy Fleming, secretary; Connie Erler, treasurer, and advisers Mrs. May Lance and Mr. John Wiley. The biggest project of the year was the establishment of the Student Court.



Student Council Establishes a Student Court

The Student Court was the Student Council's most ambitious project in several years. The purpose of the court is to try cases in which students break school rules, to punish such students, and to enforce the rules.

Typical cases were fights in the halls or classrooms, misconduct in the cafeteria, and one case of a boy knocking a girl down.

The court has met with the students' approval.

Bill Finch was voted judge, assisted by Carol Brewster as assistant judge, Butch Thorpe as prosecuting attorney, and Jo Elliott as clerk.



On The Council

TOP:
Eighth grade representatives

CENTER:
Ninth and tenth councilites

BOTTOM:
Juniors and seniors on council



We Expressed Ourselves . . .

"Gramercy Ghost" was selected by the Dramatics Club to be presented to the public at the beginning of the year. The club then elected as their officers Sue Morrow, president; Judy Cox, vice president; Carolyn Osborn, secretary, and Pam Wakefield, treasurer.

To increase the treasury, the club had sales after school and sponsored mixers. At the weekly meetings the members saw demonstrations on how to apply make-up for various characters, the handling of stage equipment, and student directing.

In April the actors presented an all-school assembly consisting of two one-act plays. One called "Ladies of the Mop" was entered in the one-act festival at Central Michigan College in the spring.



... in Greasepaint

The Thespians, a dramatics honor society, initiated six new members into the club this year. To be in the club a person must have ten points which are obtained through the Dramatics Club work. Thespians work hand in hand with the club and help with their plays.



Mr. David Gover's five new debaters had a very unsuccessful year. With little experience, they met Tawas Area, Big Rapids, Ionia, and Gladwin. The team debated eight times and lost them all. They also participated in the State League.

"No Room in the Inn" was the one-act play presented by the Y-Teens at the Christmas assembly just before vacation. In to the story of a woman and her daughter who had no place to spend Christmas Eve were woven carols and the Christmas spirit.





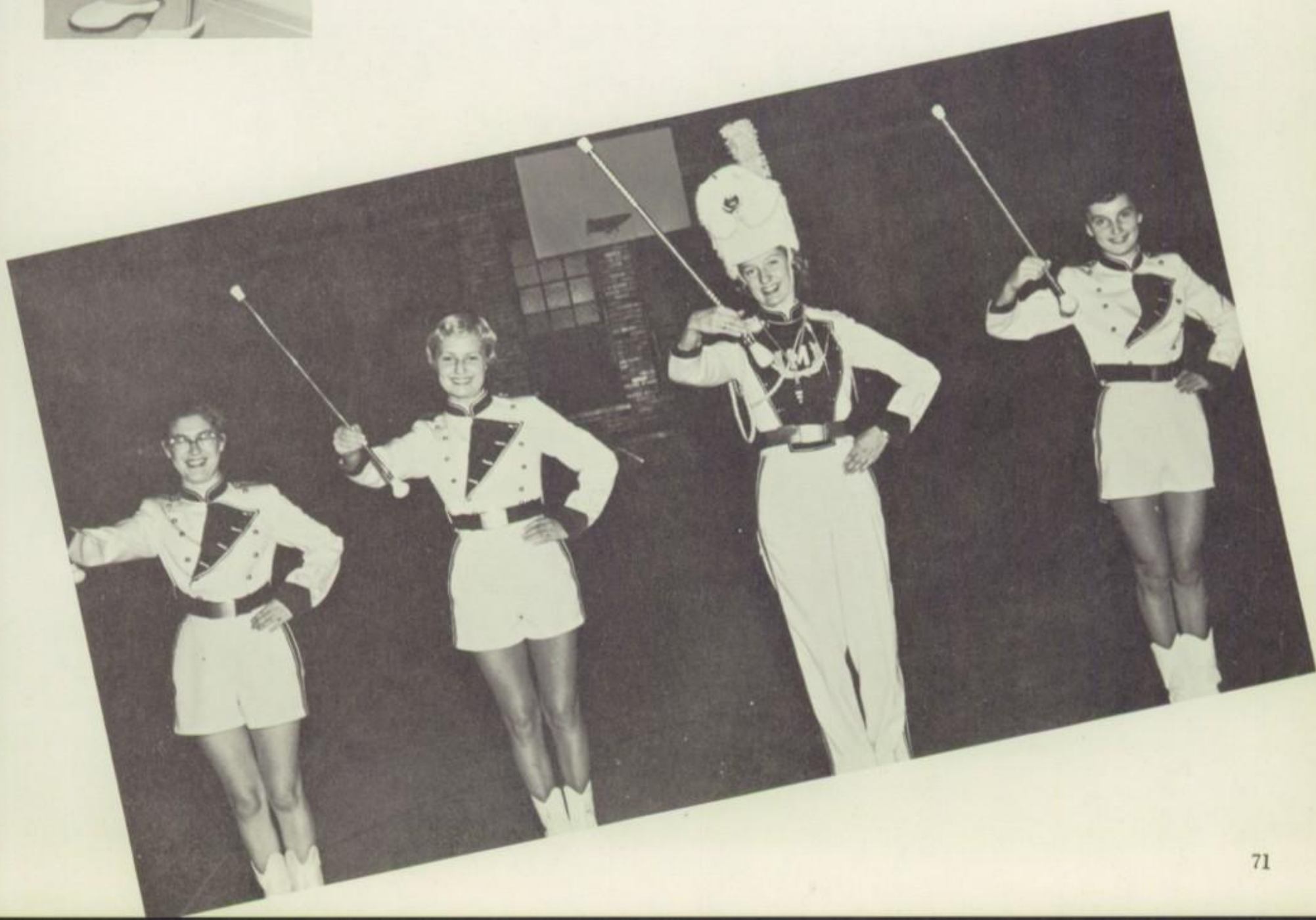
We Filled the School With March Music And Paraded in Flashy New Uniforms



The MPHS band, sporting their beautiful new uniforms, played for numerous football games and finished it off in fine style with their homecoming parade and halftime show.

After the marching season the band began to prepare for the concert season. Some of the things this included were the district band festival and the winter concert. Rex Hewlett's students also played in the state band festival in the second division competing for the first time in class A. Next was the district solo and ensemble festival where, out of 21 entries MPHS bandmen received 11 first, and eight seconds. Of the 10 firsts who went on to state six received firsts and four got seconds.

Following festival time the band gave their Spring Revue and participated in the Holland Tulip Festival.



We Helped Run Our School . . .



These boys instructed by Mr. Arnold Koch presented the essential facts to many classes through movies and also were in charge of the noon hour films, showing such outstanding movies as "Jim Thorpe, All-American."



The many duties which are necessary to keep the principal's office functioning, such as collecting absence slips, answering the telephone, recording grades, maintaining files, running errands and typing letters, are the jobs undertaken by these girls.



Besides attempting to keep the halls quiet the monitors provide information and act as guides for the many visitors at Mt. Pleasant High School.

... in an
Efficient Way

Have you received any notices for overdue books? This — plus checking books in and out, maintaining neat shelves and keeping the volumes in top shape — is the job of these Library Club members. They are under the direction of Miss Sadie Woodruff.



Mt. Pleasant High School students attending paid assemblies, plays, and the annual Pop's Concert were greeted by these members of the Ushers Club advised by Mrs. Mary Lou Evett.



The hot lunch line, a necessity in every school, serves the food, prepares dishes for washing and keeps the lunch room neat. The girls work with Mrs. Arnold Koch.



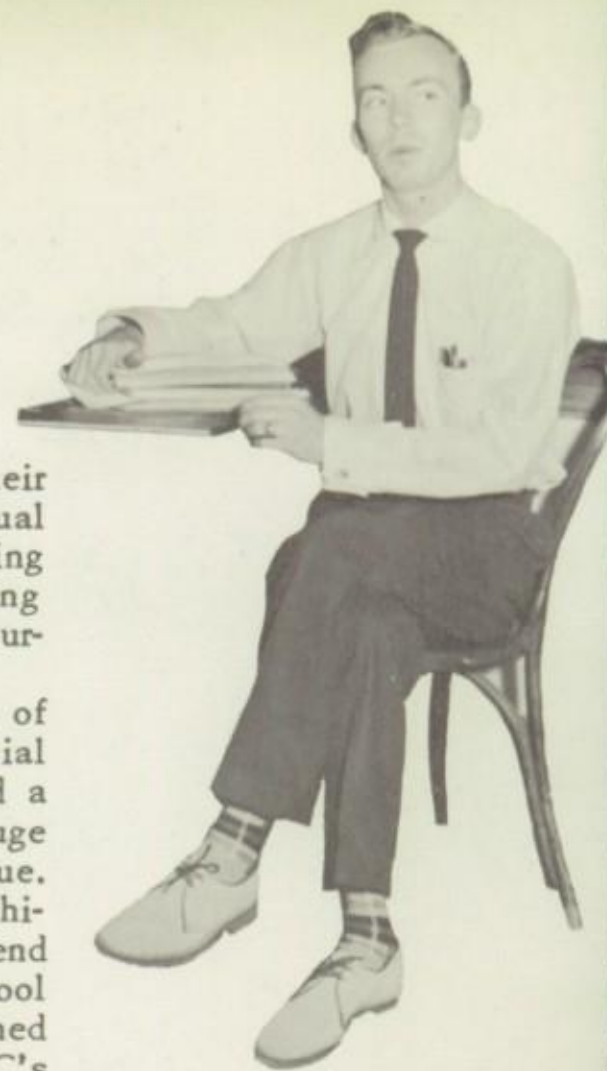
Journalists Record An Eventful Year

This year's journalism staff began their year's activities by preparing the 13th annual homecoming program for publication. Gathering advertisements, arranging pictures and writing copy under the pictures initiated the '54 journalists into their year's duties.

Next they undertook the year-long task of turning out the STUDE every two weeks. Special issues of this year's school paper featured a "Fieldhouse Edition", based upon the huge CMC athletic plant, and the "April Fool" issue.

The journalism staff traveled to the Michigan State College campus in the fall to attend a state-wide high school conference on school papers and yearbooks. The newly enlightened staff was caught posing around "Sparty", MSC's symbolic statue by a passing camera bug.

Perhaps the major project of this year's staff was to turn out the DERRICK. The yearbook staff worked with a new printer this year and injected many startling changes into the 1955 version of the DERRICK. Picture advertisements, modern art, complete coverage of spring sports, along with late senior activities and an August autographing party formed the new look in DERRICK memories.



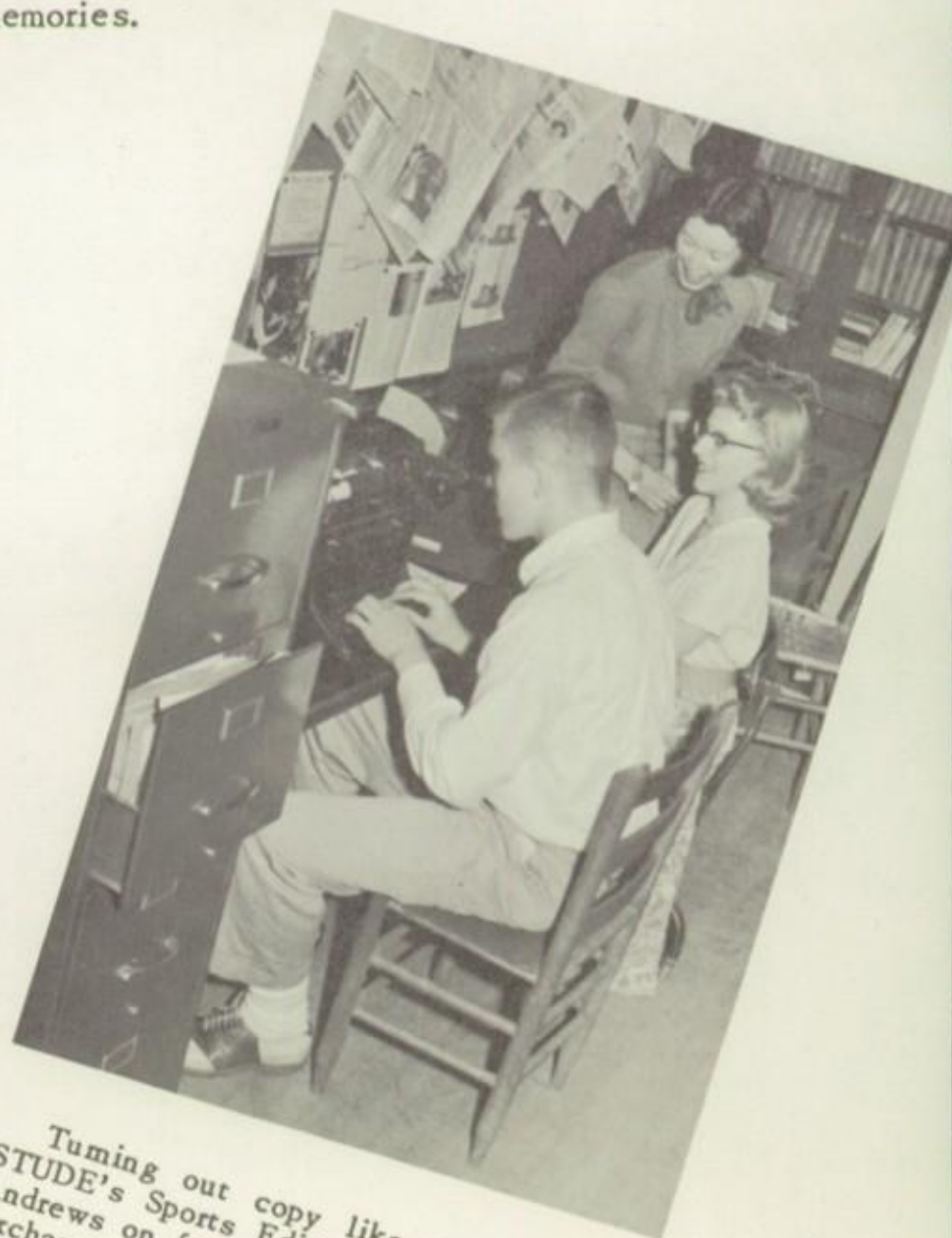
Publications Adviser Tom Northway keeps an eye on our 3-ring circus



STUDE Editor Bob Stinson tries his hand at the ol' Linotype machine



"We're in the money," shout STUDE business-advertising staffers Bud McFadden, Pat Strang, Nancy Mumford



Turning out copy like mad are the STUDE's Sports Editor Bud Foltz, Judy Andrews on features, and Shirley Lewis, exchange editor.



Organizations Editor
Donna White and Sports
Editor Jim Woods talk
yearbook



DERRICK Co-Editors Shirley Phillips
and Shirley Ashworth look for some new
ideas



Camera in hand, photog-
rapher George Miller boards
a plane for aerial pictures
of Mt. Pleasant High



Classes Editor Sande Sanback
here alphabetizes hundreds of
pictures



Four hundred forty students
and teachers signed up for '55
annuals with Shirley Lewis and
Business Manager Nancy Vad-
nais, seated. At left, Advertising
Manager Butch Thorpe, calls off
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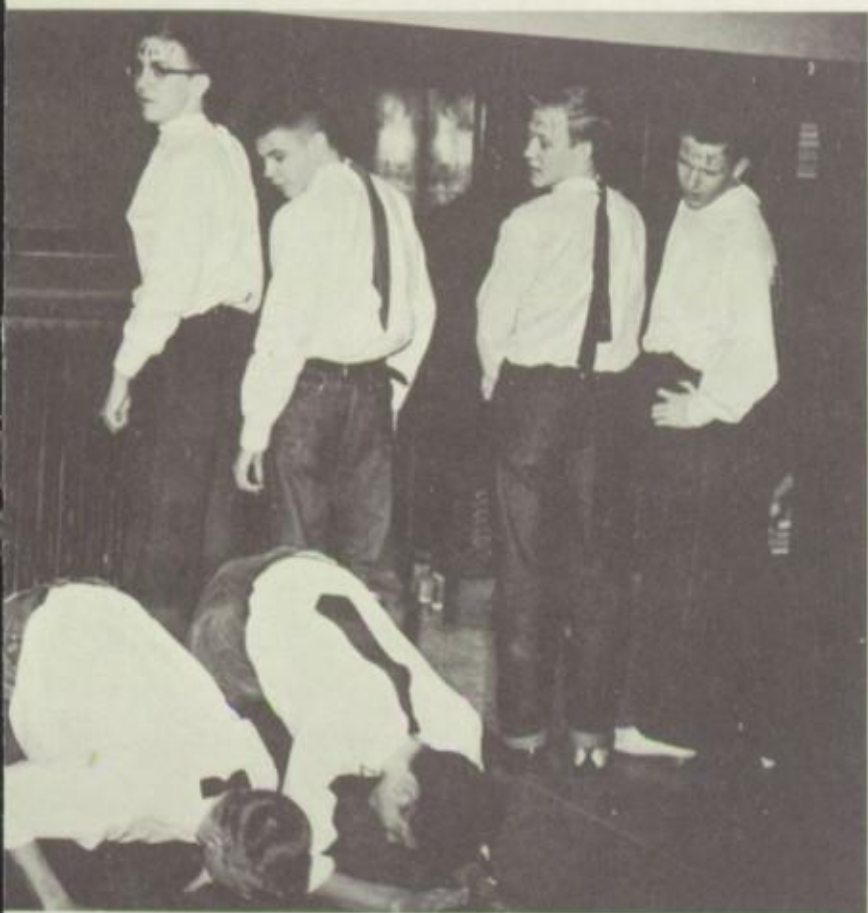
Layouts occupy Art Editor Marilyn
Dargitz and copy writer Dee Ann Drallette
above.

Popular at Mt. Pleasant High School for 12 years (formerly Girl Reserves), the Y-Teens organization enjoyed a successful and prosperous year. President Judy Hall was chairman of the annual Prom, which had "March Melody" as its theme. Always a highlight of the social season, the dance was held at Keeler Union ballroom. Earlier in the year, the girls' mothers were guests at the formal initiation held October 20 and the informal initiation October 13. To show how varied are their activities, the girls pitched in to build a float that took first prize of \$10 in the 13th Annual Homecoming parade. Mrs. May Lance is adviser for this largest of girls' groups at MPHS.



Absent from the high school for two years, the Hi-Y Club returned under President Butch Thorpe and all new members to continue its 33-year record of service and friendship. Rolling peanuts down the hall floors, wearing their clothes backwards, and dreading a "treat" of raw eggs (which turned out to be wet marshmallows) will always be remembered by the new club members who underwent a lively initiation. The group gave a Christmas basket and staged a very talented pep assembly featuring Mme. Butterfly and her girls dancing a can-can to the tune, "Papa Loves Mambo." Helping plan the next event, a talent show in April, were Bill Finch, vice president; Loren Eldred, secretary, and Jim Woods, treasurer. Mr. Dudley Chamberlin was adviser.

Hi-Y initiation provides laughs for Terry Batchelder, Ron Archer, Don Moose, and Jim Gatten while Dave McGee and Tom Horton steer peanuts down the hallway.



Niceties of a formal initiation surround Y-Teens above.



Adviser Dudley Chamberlin was instrumental in bringing Hi-Y back to Mt. Pleasant High after a two-year absence.



Planning Y-Teen events are Sharon Bourland, secretary; Faye Lou Brasington, vice president; Judy Hall, president and Cecelia Watson, treasurer.

We Supplied the School With Friendship . . .



As Future Farmers and Homemakers . . .

It was hard to keep track of the many activities of the Future Homemakers of America this year. Their interests ranged from baking cakes for bake sales to enjoying parties with the Future Farmers of America. The girls also took part in a special FHA week set aside by Governor Williams.

The year's events began with a candlelight ceremony as the Shepherd girls came here to install the Mt. Pleasant FHA officers.

Leaders of the club are President Laura Grass, Vice President Betty Sponseller, Secretary Mary Ruth Curtiss, and Treasurer Patsy Getchell.

Others are: Historian Kaye Haskin, Songleader Shirley Snider, Chapter Mother Mrs. Freddie Simonds, and Reporter Loretta Recker.

The FHA girls got well acquainted this year with Miss Ruby Meis, a new teacher in our system and their adviser.

At Eastertime well arranged baskets of candy were sent to the children at the detention home.

"New Horizons Beckon" was the motto of the state conference at Grand Rapids which the club attended.

The second semester holds the memories of two roller skating parties, one with the FFA boys and one just for the girls.

By candle light new officers for the club were installed in May. Mothers of the girls attended as guests.

In the spring a new program was planned for next year.

The picnic with the FFA boys at Island Park topped but ended the fun for the year. Girls interested in joining FHA also attended the picnic.



We Look to the Future

Working hard but for a worthy cause this fall, the 50 Future Farmers of America finished the cable foot-bridge at the memorial school forest.

The FFA boys have gone on cattle buying tours and their livestock investments amount to approximately \$12,000.

Among their many activities, the Future Farmers took field trips to local farm machinery dealers.

Around Christmas time the boys cut Christmas trees from the school forest for elementary and high school use.

Officers of the club are Willie Epple, president; Tim Lynch, vice president; Frank Marcus, secretary, and Larry Anderson, treasurer.

During the first week in April Pat O'Brien, Frank Marcus, and Bob Johnston spent three days at the regional leadership training camp at Higgins Lake.



Variety of Future Farmers' activities is shown in these scenes at the school forest, farms, and Harris Milling.



We Filled the School With Songs . . .

Singing more difficult music than ever before, the Mt. Pleasant High School choir and chorus received excellent ratings their second year in Class A competition.



Fifty-four voices blended into the M.P.H.S. chorus by Mr. Floyd Heydenburg provided a variety of fine music for the "Pops" Concert, Christmas Concert and assemblies for the elementary schools, District Festival in St. Louis, and springtime assemblies for the grades. Parents were invited to a program and reception planned in the spring by the chorus members. The group is made up of eighth and ninth graders.

Three outstanding vocal groups on a smaller scale than the choir and chorus are the Senior High Girls' Trio, Junior High Girls' Trio, and Boys' Quartet. The singers appeared before the Women's Club, Hospital Auxiliary, country school P.T.A. meeting, and at the Hi-Y Talent Show, Christmas Concert, and State and District Festivals.



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' TRIO
Marilyn Martin
Elinor Cutler
Hope Conaway





SENIOR HIGH
GIRLS' TRIO
Sally Grewe
Sue Morrow
Faye Lou Brasington



Director Floyd Heydenburg conducted the 71-voice choir in the annual "Pops" Concert in November, Thanksgiving assembly, Christmas Concert and Y-Teens assembly.

Then came the District Festival at St. Louis, Student Council-sponsored assembly in May, and the State Massed Chorus Festival at East Lansing on May 7.



Following tradition, the choir closed the year with their annual picnic and an inspiring performance at the Commencement exercises.

BOYS' QUARTET
Milan Johnson, Bass
George Miller, Baritone
David Torres, 1st Tenor
Bill Brigham, 2nd Tenor





These Clubs Joined With Many Others During The Year

When Key Club President Ted Foley wound up in the hospital, fellow officers showed up for this shot.

A newly-organized club this year, the Key Club was founded in the high school through the efforts of Mr. Arlie C. Osborn of the Kiwanis Club.

Sponsored by the Kiwanians, the organization has as its objective a better community and good school relations.

Officers for the first Key Club are Ted Foley, president; Dave Randolph, vice president; Ron Archer, secretary, and Phil Chipman, treasurer.



The darkroom magic of developing film, making enlargements, and printing pictures went into full swing after the cobwebs were brushed down last fall.

After being inactive for two years, the Camera Club made a comeback this year. Officers of the reinstated club are George Miller, president; Bill Fitzgerald, vice president; Terry Batchelder, secretary, and Milton Marks, treasurer. The faculty adviser is Mr. Arnold Koch.

The club members enjoyed talks on better photography at their weekly meetings.



We Learned by Doing

Working downtown while earning credit, forty members of the Co-op Club received training in retail, office, and trade roles.

Officers of the club are: President, Ed Grubb, Vice President, Judy Cox, Secretary, Gail Goodwin, and Treasurer, Janet Grace. Adviser is Mr. Lee Jones.

The Employee-Employer Banquet, an annual event at the Hotel Chieftain, was enjoyed late in the spring. Members of the club invited their employers as their special guests for the evening as radio station WCEN broadcast the activities.





These People Planned Our New School Buildings

A wave of enthusiasm and planning followed the successful bond issue vote. Board of Education members, administration, faculty, students — all Mt. Pleasant — eagerly awaited construction of badly-needed classrooms. Above are busy board members (standing) E. Allan Morrow, trustee; I. W. Hartman, trustee; Malcolm McShea, treasurer; Russell LeCronier, superintendent of schools; (seated) J. Elmer Graham, president; Eugene Knight, vice president; Carl Wender, secretary, and Frances Martin, trustee. Below, plans become reality.



Signs of the times are excavations, being studied by MPHS girls in kilts, Bermuda shorts, and ducktail haircuts as bulldozers work at Pullen, Fancher.





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Starting the year off right, the Mt. Pleasant teachers enjoyed a teachers picnic at Island Park.

Familiar yellow school buses heading across the countryside on October 22 carted Isabella-Clare county teachers to the teachers conservation field trip. Activities of the day were centered around a visit to the Carter Ranch and the Rosebush Oil field. At noon they enjoyed a picnic at the roadside park north of Clare, and they also witnessed a fish shocking demonstration conducted by an instructor of conservation officers.

Mr. Russell LeCronier was honored last fall in the high school auditorium when he was the subject for a special version of "This Is Your Life".

Officers of the Teachers Club are President Tom Northway, Vice President Ruth Allison, Secretary Mable Brasington, and Treasurer Geraldine Goodell.

Orientially garbed and filled to the brim with chop suey were the Mt. Pleasant teachers after the Chinese Dinner at Kinney School in February. For their next party, they rehearsed melodramas and novelty numbers for a talent show in Ganiard gym. The year ended with the annual spring picnic.





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"Down on the farm" are Clare-Isabella teachers above as they learn all about the Carter ranch on their early fall conservation field trip.



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"Down to earth" is the word for MPHS teachers as they fill up on chop suey at the Chinese Dinner, above, and relax alongside a meandering brook in the Clare roadside park on their field trip.



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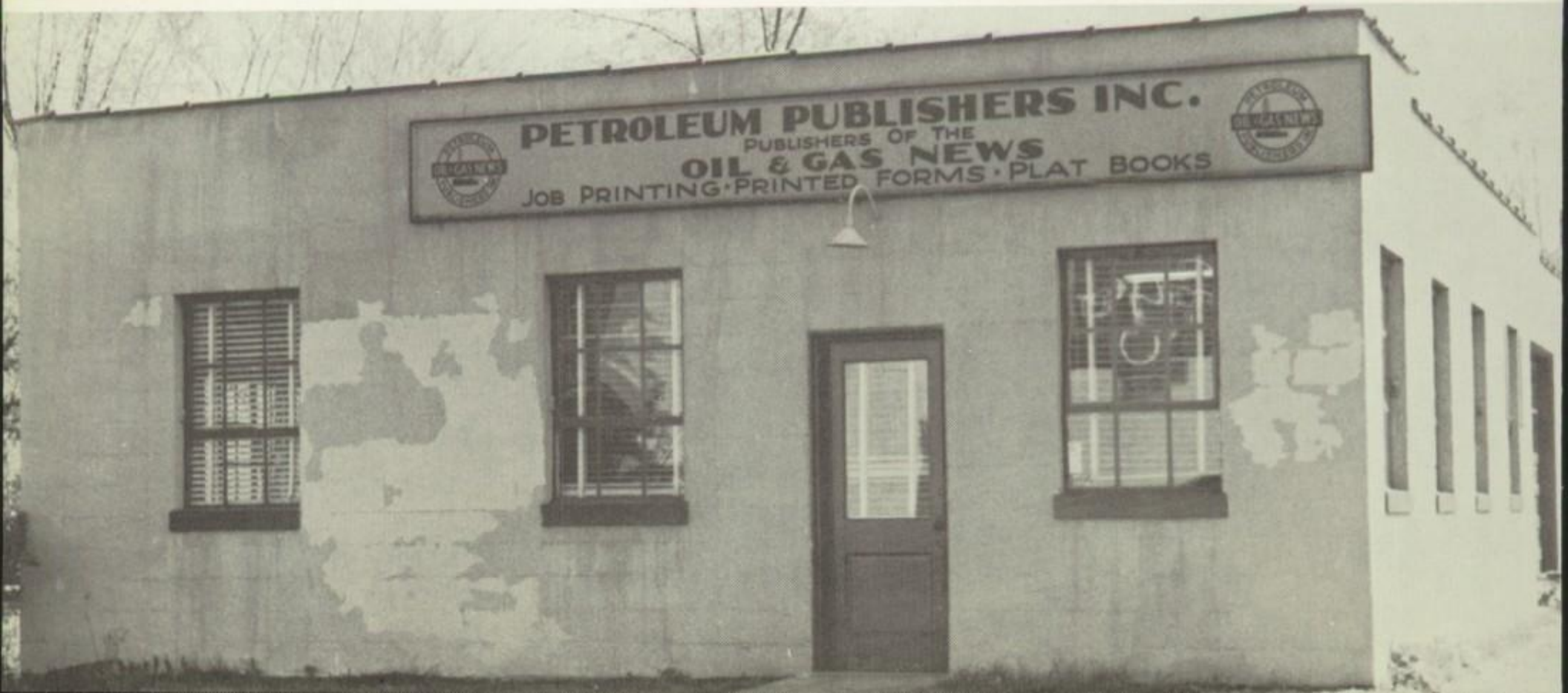


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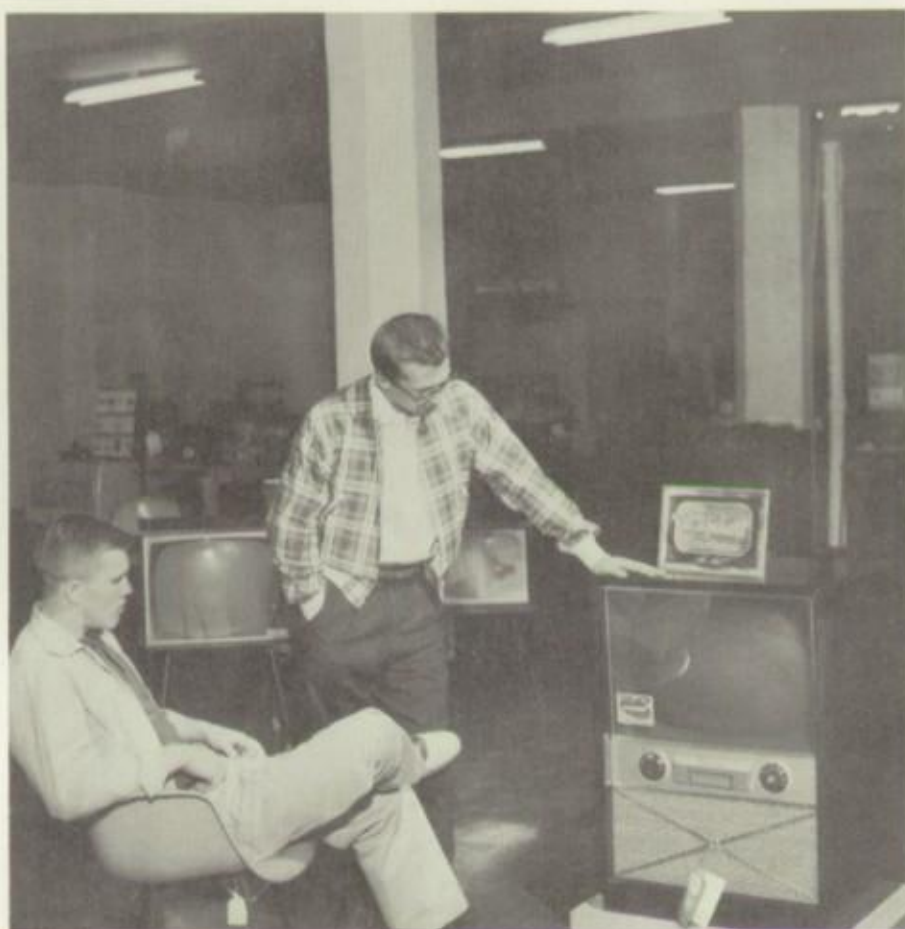
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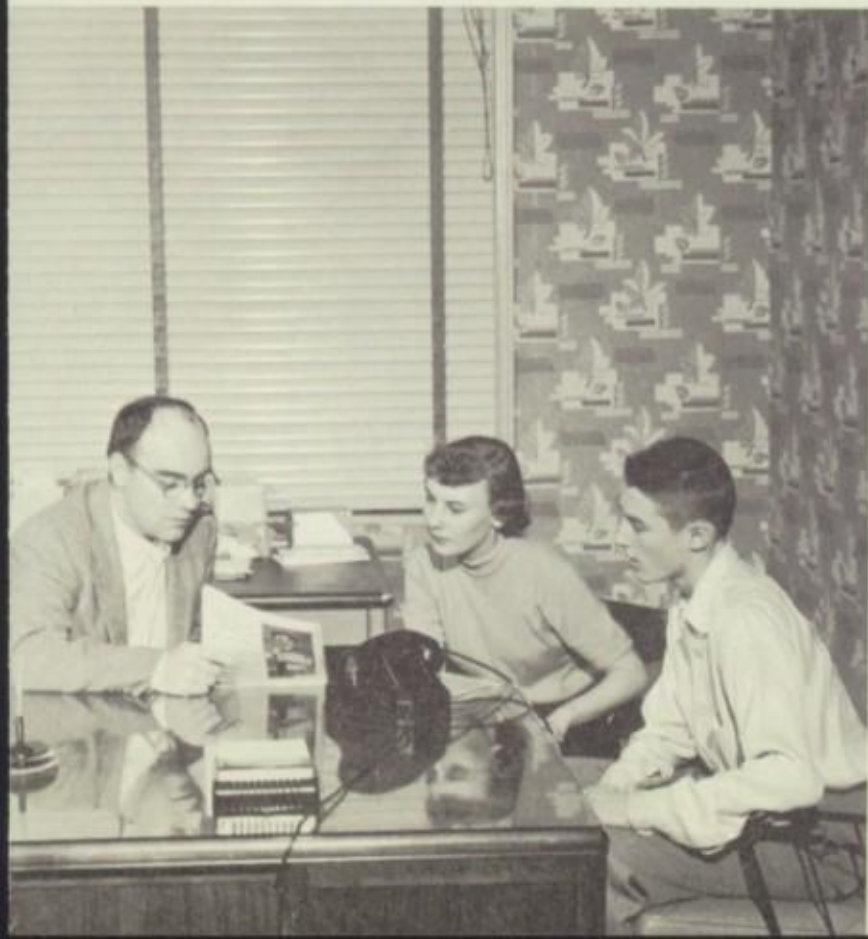
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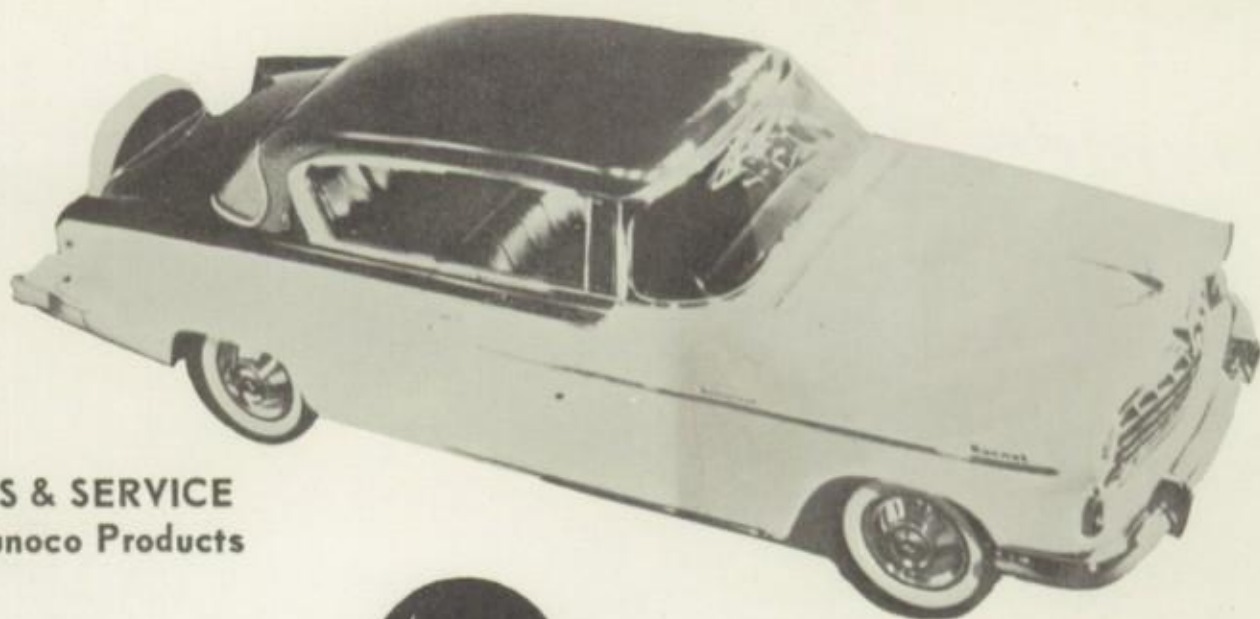
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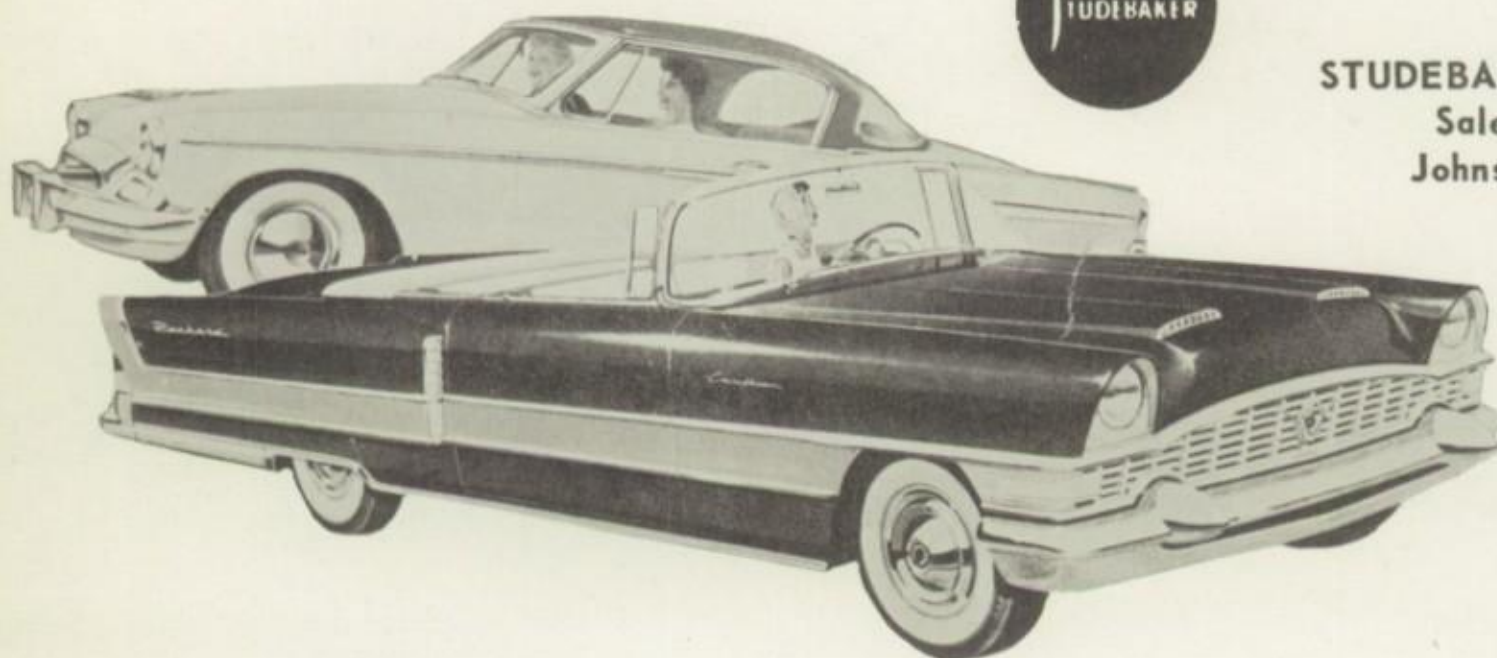
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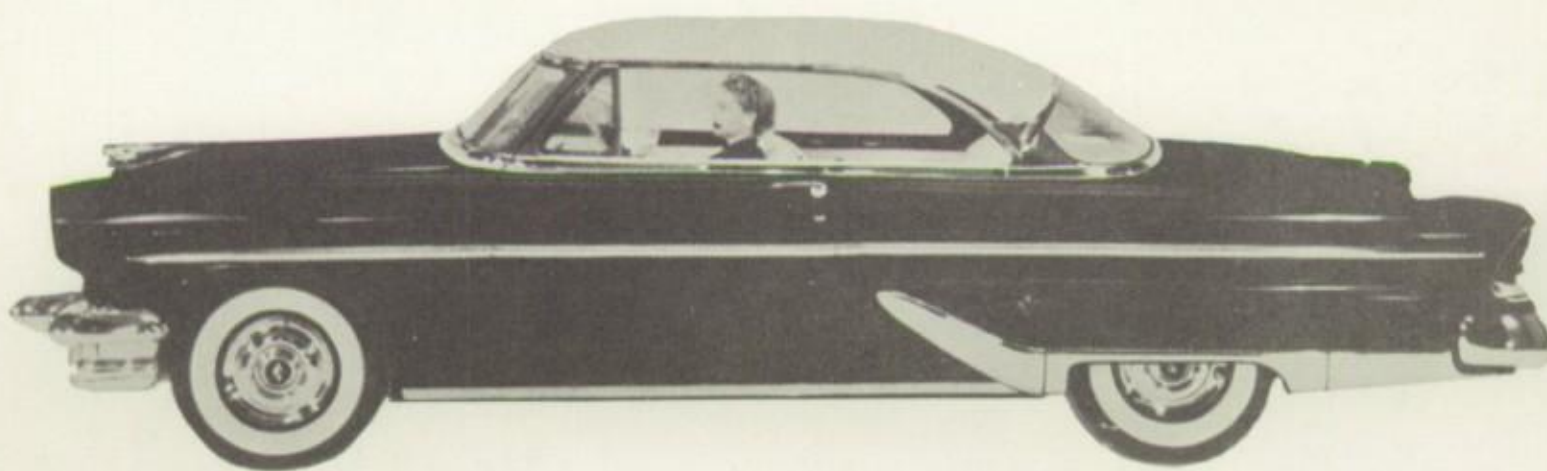
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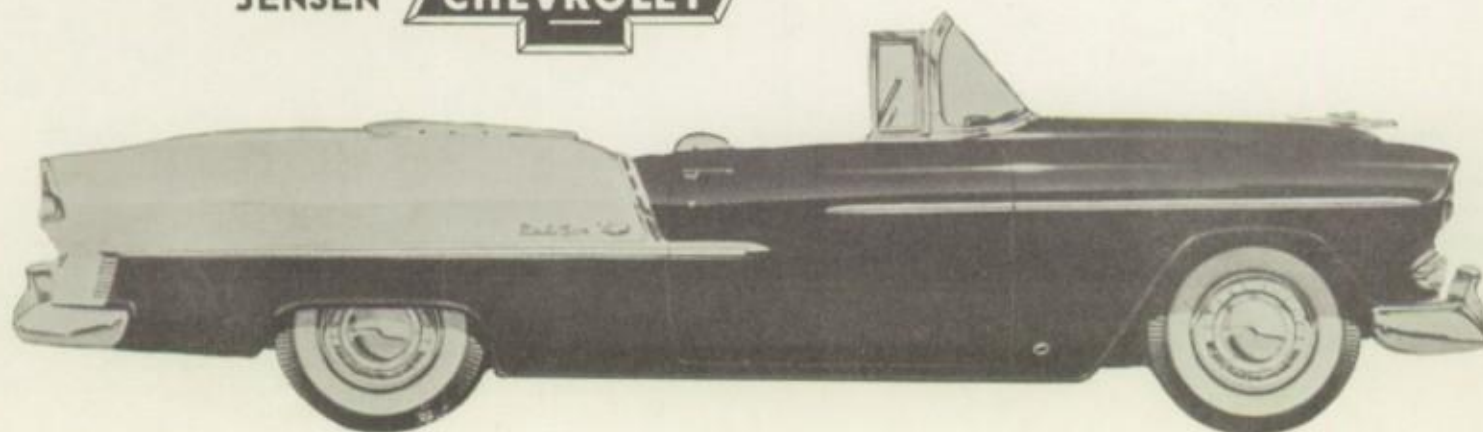
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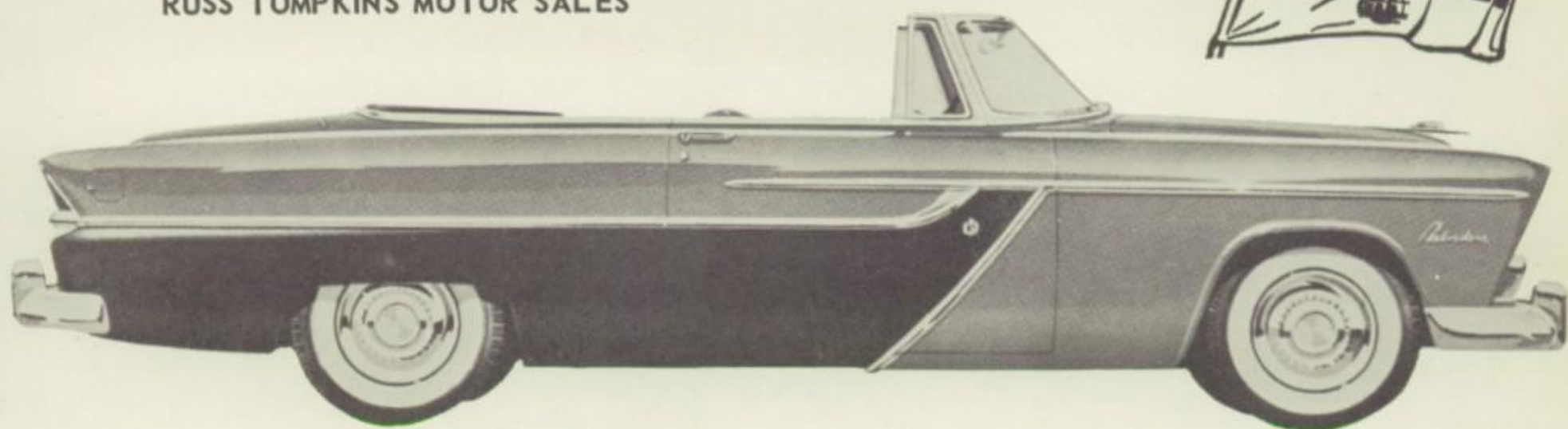


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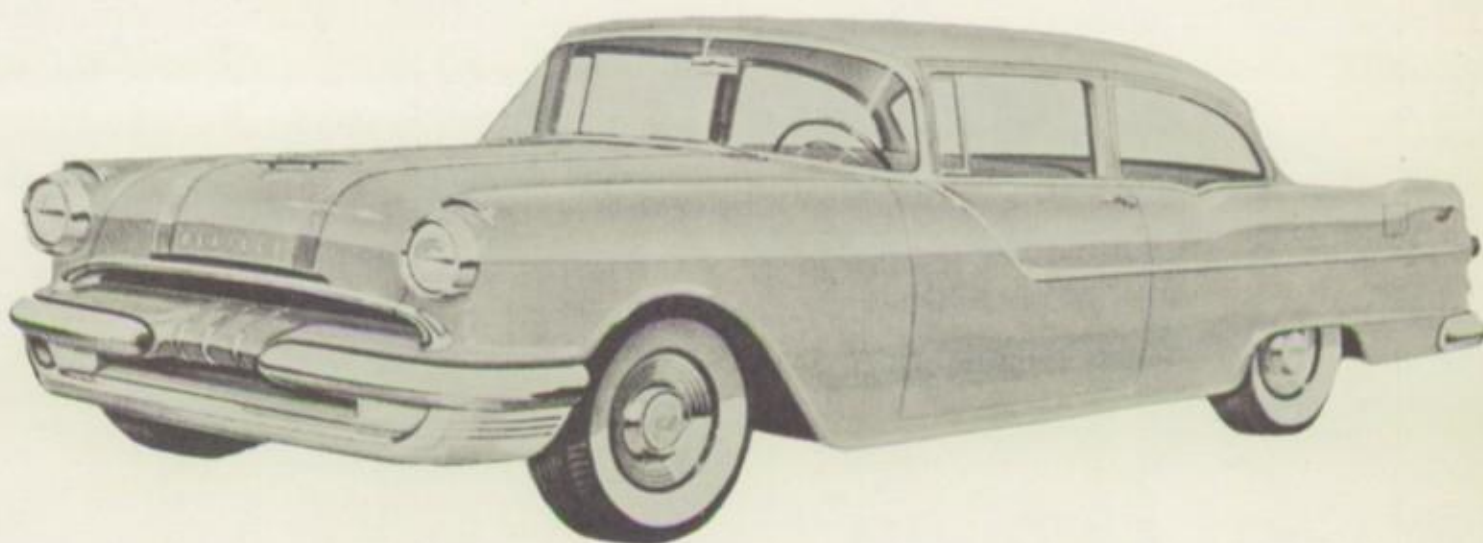


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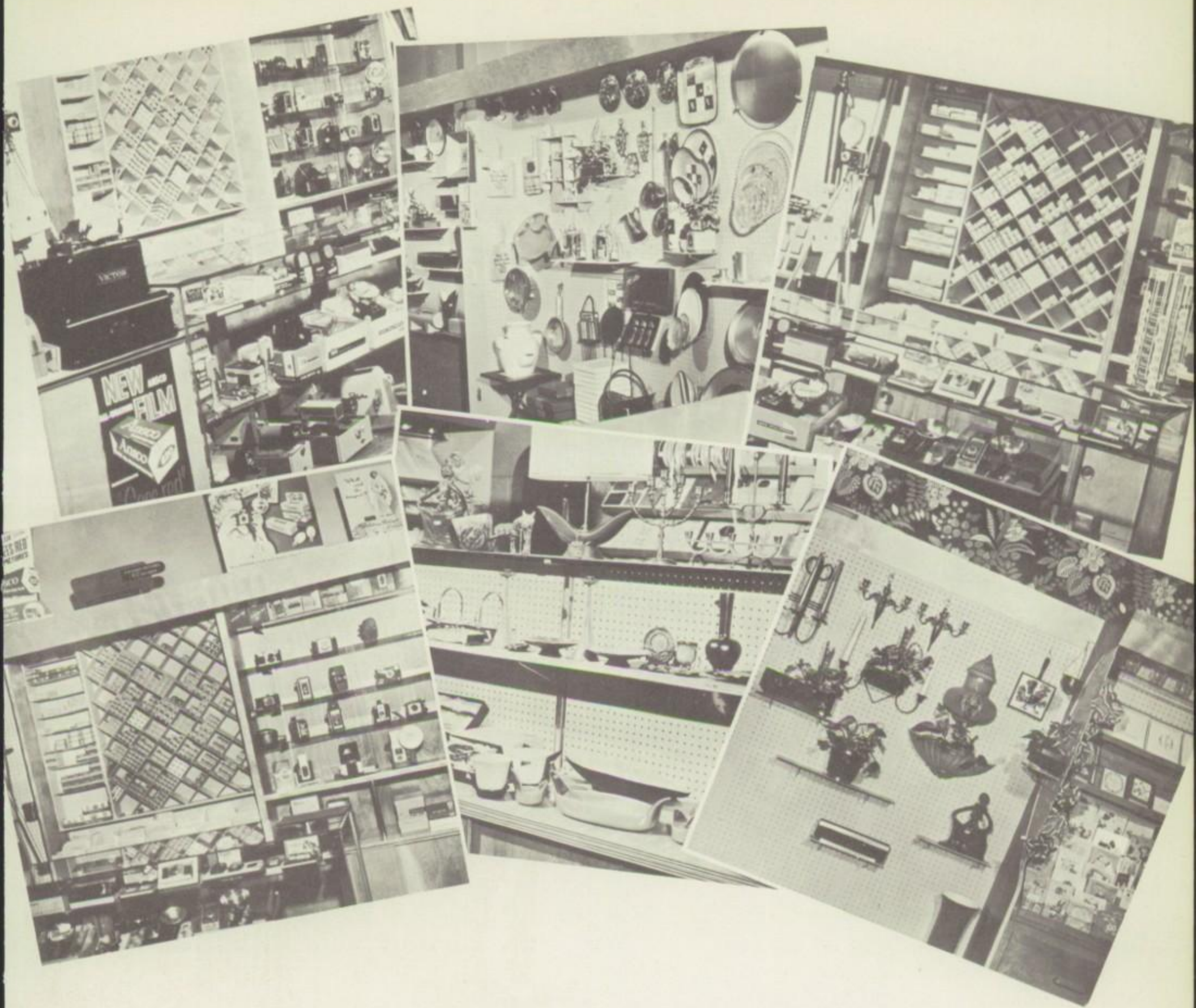
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